

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 63
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 04, 2023
WATER CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN TOWNS

NO.63. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the plans and policies of Government in new buildings, housing and infrastructure for water crisis management in small town development;
- (b) whether government has made any plan to ensure water harvesting in metro cities to deal with water crisis; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the options for water conservation in advanced urban town planning?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

- (a) Water and Sanitation is a State/ULB Subject. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) plays supportive role through schematic interventions and advisories. It provides technical & financial support to State/ULBs.

As per the information received from States/UTs Govts., 35 States/UTs have adopted the provision of rainwater harvesting in their respective building bye laws as suggested by MBBL 2016. CPHEEO, MoHUA has also published Guidance Document on Creation of Rain Water Harvesting Parks. (<https://mohua.gov.in/pdf/6566e1048ab41guidance-document-on-rainwater-harvesting-parks-final.pdf>)

MoHUA through its National Missions i.e., Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) & AMRUT 2.0 is supporting the efforts of State Government for management of water crisis.

- (b)&(c) Under AMRUT, Urban Local Bodies/States may take up projects of rainwater harvesting under water supply sector as per their assessment/need. MoHUA approves State Annual Action Plans submitted by the States.

Under Storm Water Drainage Sector in AMRUT, State/UTs have grounded 813 projects worth ₹2,999 crore of which, 739 projects worth ₹1,864 crore have been completed. This has resulted in elimination of 3,416 water logging points and another 372 water logging points are in progress of elimination. In addition to that, 1,222 km of length of drains are laid & 401 km length of drains are under progress.

The States/UTs have taken up 7 rainwater harvesting projects worth ₹9.19 crore out of which, 4 projects worth ₹3.42 crore have been completed (one in Delhi & 3 in Lakshadweep) and 3 projects (Kerala) worth ₹5.77 crore are in progress.

AMRUT 2.0 has been launched on 1st October 2021 covering all the statutory towns of the country to ensure universal coverage of water supply & make cities 'water secure'. So far, in AMRUT 2.0, **2,135 Water Body Rejuvenation** projects worth **₹3,802 crore** have been approved by MoHUA. Aquifer Management Plan will also be prepared to **focus on maintaining positive groundwater balance** in urban aquifer systems.
