

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3715**  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2016

**GROUND WATER REGULATION**

3715.       SHRI D.K. SURESH  
              SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has circulated a Model Bill to all the States/ UTs to enable them to enact suitable ground water legislation for its regulation and development, if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (b) whether any States/UTs have adopted and implemented the ground water legislation on the lines of Model Bill, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to ensure that all the States strictly implement the provisions of the said Bill; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the States in this regard, if any?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION  
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(a) to (d) The Union Government circulated a Model Bill in 1970 to all the States/UTs to enable them to enact suitable ground water legislation for its regulation and development, which includes provision for rain water harvesting. The Model Bill was re-circulated in 1992, 1996 and again in 2005 for adoption. The Model Bill stipulates :

- Establishing of State Ground Water Authorities to frame policies for administration of the legislation.
- Empowering the State/Union Territory Government to control and/ or regulate the abstraction of Ground Water.
- Requiring users of ground water to seek permission from the State Ground Water Authority to sink a well in the notified area.

In the revised Model Bill circulated in 2005, a new chapter on Rain Water Harvesting for Recharge to ground water has also been introduced. So far, 15 States/UTs have adopted and implemented the ground water legislation on the lines of Model bill. Details are given at **Annexure.**

Water being a State subject, necessary steps to implement the model Bill are undertaken by the state Governments.

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## ANNEXURE

**Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No. 3715 for reply on 08.12.2016 regarding “Ground Water Regulation”**

### Status of Enactment of Model Bill by States/ UTs

<b>A: States Where Legislation For Regulation Of Ground Water Development Has Been Enacted</b>			
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/ UTs</b>	<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/ UTs</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8.	Jammu & Kashmir
2.	Assam	9.	Karnataka
3.	Bihar	10.	Kerala
4.	Chandigarh	11.	Lakshadweep
5.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12.	Puducherry
6.	Goa	13.	West Bengal
7.	Himachal Pradesh	14.	Telangana
		15.	Maharashtra
<b>B: States Where Initiatives Taken For Enactment Of Model Bill</b>			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	9.	Meghalaya
2.	Chhattisgarh	10.	Mizoram
3.	Daman & Diu	11.	Odisha
4.	NCT Delhi#	12.	Rajasthan
5.	Gujarat	13.	Uttarakhand
6.	Haryana	14.	Uttar Pradesh
7.	Jharkhand	15.	Punjab
8.	Madhya Pradesh	16.	Tamil Nadu*
#Govt. of NCT Delhi is regulating ground water withdrawal through notification			
* Tamil Nadu Ground Water (Development and Management) Act, 2003 has been repealed by the State Government of Tamil Nadu through Ordinance No. 4 of 2013, dated 14.09.2013			
<b>C: States/UTs Which Do Not Feel The Need For Enactment Of Legislation</b>			
1.	Arunachal Pradesh		
2.	Manipur		
3.	Nagaland		
4.	Sikkim		
5.	Tripura		