

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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DATA ON WATER TABLES

1120. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA

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

- (a) whether the Central Statistics Office have ever attempted or funded studies to gather data on water levels at an All India level or State level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many water stressed countries gather water related data on regular basis at regional level and link them to national accounts statistics whereas we lag behind technically with respect to data related to water sector;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) whether the water related data may be helpful in evaluating the consistency between the priorities and objectives of water resources management and broader goals of economic development, planning and policy at a national and local level and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) Central Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation have informed that they have not funded any studies to gather data on water levels at an All India level or State level.

(c) to (e) It is a fact that many countries are collecting water related data on regular basis at regional and national levels. In India, Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) are collecting the water related data both at national and regional levels on regular basis. In addition to CWC and CGWB, the State agencies are also collecting the water related data at the State level.

The water related data is helpful in evaluating the consistency between the priorities and objective of water resource management with broader goals of economic development planning and formulating the planning and policy at national and local level. The water related data is also helpful in prioritization of investment, optimization of design for the benefits of the water resource projects.