

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1757**  
ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

**AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL FOR WATER MANAGEMENT**

1757. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH

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

- (a) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with Israel to share knowledge and technologies in water management and its recycling and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has further engaged in cooperation with other nations in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made by the Government in adoption of new technologies for efficient water management and recycling?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Israel by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) on 11.11.2016 for water resources management and development cooperation, with an objective to enhance cooperation at the regional, national and international levels in the field of water resources development and management by collaborating and sharing of experience, expertise and techniques in the efficient use of water resources, recycling/ reuse of waste water, desalination, aquifer recharge and in-situ water conservation techniques, and water resource management. Besides, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has signed an agreement with Israel on 24.12.1993 for cooperation in the field of agriculture in which "Water and Soil Management" was included as one of the area of activity. A Work Plan for the period 2018-2020 has also signed which includes 'Water Management Technologies for Agriculture, including Water Re-use' as area of activity, among others. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has also signed a MoU with Israel on "National campaign for water conservation in India" in July 2017.

The MoWR, RD & GR has signed Memorandum of Understanding with 14 countries (including Israel) so far in the field of water resources management with the primary objective to enhance cooperation and sharing knowledge and technologies in the water sector.

(c) MoWR, RD & GR has set up a Joint Working Group (JWG) to implement and monitor the activities envisaged in the MoU. It has sent 20 officers to Israel for one week exposure training in the field of water management. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare has taken up for setting up a Center of Excellence for treatment of brackish water at Bathinda, Punjab under the agreement. The MoU signed by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation with Israel is only for knowledge sharing on water conservation campaign and not for adoption of new technology.

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