GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,

RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

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SINGLE DATABASE FOR GROUND WATER

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

- (a) whether recommendation for a single ground water database for the entire country has come from various corners including the Standing Committee on Water Resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far; and
- (c) whether preparation of the database is yet to commence and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Modernization of the water resources data collection and monitoring infrastructure is one of the key objectives of the on-going pan India National Hydrology Project being implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources, RD & GR with the World Bank assistance.

Currently, Central Ground Water Board is generating/collecting data relating to ground water level, quality, resource and litholog borewell, which is available on a web based Water Resources Information System (WRIS) (www.india-wris-nrsc.gov.in) developed by MoWR, RD & GR, in collaboration with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Department of Space, Government of India. Further, State Governments are also collecting the data pertaining to ground water resources.
