

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3292
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018

UTILIZATION OF GROUND WATER

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 16 States and two Union Territories fall under the 'over-exploited' category in utilization of ground water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to give special attention/focus to these States so that their ground water level is restored to reasonable levels; and
- (d) 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) As per the assessment of dynamic ground water resources of Country (As on 31st March 2013) carried out jointly by CGWB and State Ground Water Departments, out of the total 6584 numbers of assessment units (Block/ Taluks/ Mandals/ watershed/ Firkka), 1034 units have been categorized as 'Over-exploited' which are spread over 16 States and 1 Union Territory. Details are given at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d) Water being a State subject, steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management of water resources to ensure sustainability and availability are primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments.

However, Central Government has proposed Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) aimed at sustainable ground water management with community participation in select over-exploited and ground water stressed areas in seven States (Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh). ABHY is designed as a Central Sector Scheme with a total outlay of Rs. 6,000 Crore and is proposed to be implemented with World Bank assistance.

Besides, other steps taken by the Central Government for conservation of ground water are available at the following URL http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/MeasuresForGW-Depletion_1.pdf.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Unstarred Question No. 3332 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 15.03.2018 regarding “Utilization of Ground Water”.

CATEGORIZATION OF BLOCKS/ MANDALS/ TALUKS IN INDIA (2013)

Sl. No.	States / Union Territories	Total No. of Assessed Units	Over-exploited Assessment Units
	States		
1	Andhra Pradesh	670	61
2	Arunachal Pradesh	11	0
3	Assam	27	0
4	Bihar	534	0
5	Chhattisgarh	146	1
6	Delhi	27	15
7	Goa	12	0
8	Gujarat	223	23
9	Haryana	119	64
10	Himachal Pradesh	8	1
11	Jammu & Kashmir	22	0
12	Jharkhand	260	4
13	Karnataka	176	43
14	Kerala	152	1
15	Madhya Pradesh	313	25
16	Maharashtra	353	9
17	Manipur	9	0
18	Meghalaya	11	0
19	Mizoram	22	0
20	Nagaland	11	0
21	Odisha	314	0
22	Punjab	138	105
23	Rajasthan	248	164
24	Sikkim	-	-
25	Tamil Nadu	1139	358
26	Telangana	443	46
27	Tripura	39	0
28	Uttar Pradesh	820	113
29	Uttarakhand	18	0
30	West Bengal	268	0
	Total (States)	6533	1033
	Union Territories		
1	Andaman & Nicobar	34	0
2	Chandigarh	1	0
3	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	0
4	Daman & Diu	2	0
5	Lakshadweep	9	0
6	Puducherry	4	1
	Total (UTs)	51	1
	Grand Total	6584	1034
