GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 932 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018

WATER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARY

932. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA

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

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Hungary to enhance cooperation in tackling water management issues;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) the ways in which this agreement is likely to benefit India;

(d) whether the Government has signed/proposes to sign similar agreements with other countries as well; and

(e) 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) to (c) Yes, Madam. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hungary was signed on 16th October, 2016 to develop, promote and strengthen the bilateral cooperation between India and Hungary in the field of water resources development and management. The objectives of the MoU are to strengthen technological, scientific and management capabilities of both countries in the field of water management. The areas of cooperation include river basin management planning, water and waste water management and water related education, research & development.

(d) to (e) Yes, Madam. Government has also signed similar agreements with Australia, Rwanda, Cambodia, Iran, Iraq, Fiji, China, Israel, Bahrain, Tanzania, European Union, The Netherlands and Morocco.