

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2647**  
ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

**NATIONAL WATER AWARDS**

2647. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently instituted National Water Awards with the objective to encourage all the stakeholders to manage their water resources efficiently and create water consciousness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it also seeks to encourage water use efficiency, recycling and reuse of water along with creating awareness through peoples' participation in targeted areas; 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) Yes, Madam. The Government has instituted National Water Awards in following 13 categories:

1. Best State
2. Best District
3. Best Village Panchayat
4. Best Municipal Corporation
5. Best Research/Innovation/Adaptation of new technology for water conservation
6. Best Educative/Mass Awareness efforts
7. Best TV Show for promoting water conservation
8. Best Newspaper – Separate Awards for Hindi and English Newspapers
9. Best School
10. Best Institution for successful campus water usage
11. Best Resident Welfare Association
12. Organisation for the best Religious/Recreational & Tourism water uses
13. Best Industry for Industrial Water Conservations – One award for Large Scale and another award for Medium & Small scale Industries

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. These awards do intend to encourage water use efficiency, recycling and reuse of water along with creating awareness through peoples' participation. The award given for Best Research/Innovation/Adaptation of new technology for water conservation, has an evaluation criteria of "Increase in Water Use Efficiency". For the category: Best Resident Welfare Association, the evaluation criteria includes "(i) Number of rain water harvesting structures created and (ii) Quantity of domestic water used". For the category: Best Industry (Large/Medium & Small Scale), the evaluation criteria includes: "(i) Quantity of water saved; (ii) Quantity of water treated; (iii) Quantity of water reused and (iv) Water Audit". Besides, for the categories of Best State and Best District Awards, one of the evaluation criteria is "Reuse of waste water". The Guideline of National Water Awards is available at: [www.mygov.in/task/national-water-awards](http://www.mygov.in/task/national-water-awards).