

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1200

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RAIN WATER CONSERVATION

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the builders and land owners do not provide any facility for rain water conservation during construction of buildings due to which rain water is lost through drains and if so, the efforts being made by the Government to prevent it;
- (b) whether the Government is legally stressing the importance of rain water conservation tanks in newly built buildings;
- (c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken on non-compliance of such provision; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make construction of water conservation tanks in newly built buildings mandatory and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (d) Water being a State subject, efforts to conserve ground water including rainwater harvesting is primarily States' responsibility. However, Model Building Bye Laws (MBBL) 2016 circulated by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs include provisions for Rainwater Harvesting and it has been shared with all the States/UTs. So far, barring Sikkim, Lakshadweep and Mizoram, all the States/UTs have adopted the provisions of rainwater harvesting of MBBL-2016.

Further, the MBBL, 2016 contains provisions empowering the local authority to formulate practice of incentives and penalties to promote rainwater harvesting based on best practices. It also has provisions to design its own incentive and penalty systems, considering the water level and scarcity. Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has been constituted under Section 3(3) of the "Environment (Protection) Act, 1986" for the purpose of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the Country. CGWA has advised States/UTs to take measures to promote/adopt artificial recharge to ground water/rain water harvesting.
