GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 450** ANSWERED ON 03.02.2022

HELI BORNE SSURVEY TECHNOLOGY

450. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposed to launch a scheme for ground water management of the country including arid regions through heli-borne survey technology and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the estimated funds, the target areas and the timeline set for the same;

(c) whether the Government has identified the arid regions of Rajasthan in this regard and if so, the details thereof including in Dausa district;

(d) the time by which these regions are likely to be included in this technology; and

(e) the recent report on the outcome of heli-borne survey technology where it was launched last year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has taken up Heli-borne survey for generation of aquifer related information and its management in certain Arid/Semi-Arid areas of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana under Ground Water Management & Regulation scheme, a Central Sector Scheme, with an estimated cost of Rs 54.00 Cr and likely date of completion as 31 March 2022.

(c) & (d) CGWB has identified around 69875 Sq KM, Semi Arid/Arid areas of Sikar, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur Ganganagar, Bikaner, Churu, Pali & Jalore Districts of Rajasthan. Further, Dausa district is not included in the instant Survey plan. The survey work is likely to be completed by 31 March 2022.

(e) At present the work on data acquisition is in progress and the report will be finalized thereafter.