

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Review on ongoing project for CWG

1640. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has reviewed the ongoing Metro Rail and Flyover Roads project to ensure their completion before commencement of Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any project will not get completed within the schedule time; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY) : (a) and (b) Review meetings at various levels are held regularly to ensure that projects relating to Commonwealth Games (CWG) including Metro Rail & Flyover Projects are completed before the commencement of the Games.

(c) and (d) All the projects relating to CWG are targeted for completion before the Games.

Report of water resources group

1641. SHRI SANJAY RAUT :

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there will be 50 per cent water deficit by 2030, according to recent report of the Water Resources Group;

(b) if so, the details of the report and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for reducing supply-demand gap of water by bringing more water efficiency related schemes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) to (c) The 2030 Water Resources Group has brought out a report titled "Charting Our Water Future : Economic framework to inform decision-making". It has been mentioned in the report that India faces an aggregate gap of 50% across all basins, driven by very rapid growth in agricultural and municipal and domestic demand. In the report, the aggregate 2030 demand and supply have been indicated to be 1498 billion cubic meters (BCM) and 744 BCM respectively.

In this regard, it is stated that the total water requirement for India has been assessed by the Standing Sub-Committee for Assessment of Availability of Requirement of Water for Diverse Uses in the Country to be about 1447 BCM by the year 2050. However, the National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development has assessed that with achievement of the desired level of efficiency, the water requirement by the year 2050 will be about 1180 BCM in high demand scenario. The overall water availability in India has been assessed to be about 1869 BCM with estimated utilizable water of about 1123 BCM.

Considerable emphasis has been laid on the efficiency in water utilization for all purposed by the Government of India. National Water Policy states that efficiency of utilization in all diverse uses of water should be optimized. Several measures for improved management of water resources are undertaken by the respective State Governments which include restoration of water bodies, rainwater harvesting, artificial recharge of ground water and adoption of better management practices etc. Government of India is providing assistance to the State Governments through various schemes/programmes such as, Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, Command Area Development and Water Management and Repair, Renovation of Water Bodies. Further "Increasing Water Use Efficiency by 20%" has been identified as one of the important goals in the Mission Document drafted for National Water Mission, one of the eight Missions envisaged under National Action Plan on Climate Change.

Report of Central Water Board Authority

†1642. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI :

SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the report of Central Ground Water Board Authority, there is decline of 1.2 metre in ground water level every year in National Capital Region (NCR) and the water level all some places has come down even upto 300 metres; and

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to check the water exploitation by private agencies in NCR and to stop water leakage from pipelines and to educate people to stop the wastage of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) :
(a) A long-term analysis of ground water levels by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, during the years 1995-2004 and the assessment of ground water resources carried out jointly by the CGWB, NABARD and the State Governments have indicated decline in ground water levels ranging from 0.07 to 3.32 meter/year in National Capital Region. However, decline of 1.2 meter/year or more has been observed in Behror block of Alwar district of Rajasthan, South and South-West districts of Delhi, Bagpat and Ghaziabad districts of Uttar Pradesh.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.