

#### Conservation of rain water

†417. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Ground Water Authority has made any action plan for conservation of rain water to increase the water supply in both rural and urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the target fixed under the new action plan and the details of projects being started in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken so far to complete those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (d) The Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) constituted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the purpose of regulation of ground water management and development in the country, has issued directions to States having 'over-exploited' areas to take necessary measures to promote/adopt artificial recharge to ground water/rain water harvesting. Directions have been issued to various Central/State Government' organizations to implement the schemes of ground water recharge in the buildings/establishments under their control. Directions have also been issued to all the Residential Group Housing Societies/Institutions/Schools/Hotels/Industrial Establishments falling in the over-exploited and critical areas in the country to adopt Roof Top Rain Water harvesting systems in their premises.

#### Andhra Pradesh rural water supply and sanitation project

418. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has sanctioned Rs. 864 crores for the State of Andhra Pradesh for Andhra Pradesh Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereon and districts that have been identified for this purpose; and
- (c) the period within which the project is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that the Agreement for Andhra Pradesh Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (APRWSSP) has been concluded on January 22, 2010 with an estimated cost of US \$ 180 million (Rs.864 crores) including the World Bank assistance of US \$ 150 million (Rs. 720 crores) for implementation in five years.

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