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2.	Tuberculosis Association of India, New Delhi
3.	Breach Candy Medical Research Centre, Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai
4.	Indian Cancer Society, Mumbai
5.	PR1ST University, Thanjavur
6.	Asha Foundation, Bangalore
7.	Mandke Foundation, Mumbai
8.	Centre for Research Planning and Action, New Delhi 110001
9.	Shri Jalaram Health and Medical Research Centre, Dharmaj, (Gujarat)
10.	Jain Institute of Vascular Sciences, Bangalore
11.	National Society for the Prevention of Blindness-India Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences. New Delhi.

#### Utilisation of ground water

†3544. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the national average of utilisation of ground water and the percentage of utilisation of ground water in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : As per last assessment of replenishable ground water resources carried out jointly by Central Ground Water Board and State Ground Water Organizations (as on 2004), the annual ground water withdrawal for the country as a whole was estimated as 231 billion cubic metres (bcm). Ground water withdrawal in Bihar was estimated as 10.8 bcm accounting for 4.7 % of the total ground water withdrawal of the country.

#### Par-Tapi-Narmada link

†3545. SHRI BHARAT SINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR :  
SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR :  
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has taken up the preparation of detailed project report (DPR) of Par-Tapi-Narmada link as back as January, 2009; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the progress, so far, made in this context and time taken by which it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) Yes Sir, after receiving the concurrence of the concerned States, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has taken up the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Par-Tapi-Narmada from January, 2009. A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for preparation of DPR of Par-Tapi-Narmada link was signed by the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra and the Union Minister of Water Resources on 3.05.2010.

(b) The work of Topographical survey, Hydrological studies, Environmental studies, Gauge & Discharge data observations, Ecological investigation and design of various structures and irrigation planning etc. have been taken up. The DPR of the link is planned to be completed by December, 2011. However, the work of DPR preparation depends upon cooperation and support of concerned State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat in resolving local issues.

#### **New National Water Policy**

3546. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to come up with a New National Water Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the role of State Governments while preparing the policy?

(a) THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA) : (a) Yes, Sir. National Water Mission launched by Government of India envisages review of National Water Policy.

(b) Government of India has held consultation meetings with the Members of Parliament,