

**National Water Storage Policy**

†146. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan to prepare National Water Storage Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been suggested therein to prevent the use of drinking water by the builders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) No, Sir. Central Government has not formulated any plan to prepare a National Water Storage Policy.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of part reply above.

**Groundwater level in Metro cities**

147. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether groundwater level is fast depleting in metro cities of the country due to heavy demand of water;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been carried out to measure the total demand and the existing supply of water in big cities;

(c) if so, the details thereof, city-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to restore groundwater level and ensure adequate supply of drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Ground water levels are depleting in some major cities of the country due to increasing demand of water and reduced natural recharge to the groundwater. As per information received from various State Government Water Supply Departments, city-wise water demand and supply is given in the Statement (*See* below).

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