

Harvesting and conservation of drinking water

†2340. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is serious about drinking water harvesting and conservation; and

(b) if so, the details of measures taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government has focused on rainwater harvesting and to bring awareness among all stakeholders about need of water harvesting and water conservation, Government of India has launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) in two phases, Phase-I from 1st July, 2019 to 30th September, 2019 and Phase-II from 1st October, 2019 to 30th November, 2019 in the Southern States which receive retreating monsoon. During the campaign, officers, groundwater experts and scientists from the Government of India have worked with State and District officials in 256 water-stressed Districts of the country to promote water harvesting and conservation and water resource management by focusing on accelerated implementation of five target interventions, viz. water conservation & rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies/ tanks, reuse and recharge of bore wells, watershed development and intensive afforestation. With this campaign, huge awareness has been generated and various stakeholders, viz. government departments, agencies, NGOs, officials, Panchayats, individuals, etc. have started taking steps for water conservation.

Per capita availability of water

2341. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the levels of water availability per capita has decreased drastically in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof for each of the last five years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of proposed steps taken to deal with the deficit in water consumption and supply?

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