

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?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) Water availability per person is dependent on population of the country and for India, per capita water availability in the country is reducing due to increase in population. The average annual per capita water availability in the years 2001 and 2011 was assessed as 1816 cubic meters and 1545 cubic meters respectively which may further reduce to 1486 cubic meters in the year 2021.

(c) Water being a State subject, steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management of water resources are primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to them through various schemes and programmes.

Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) - a campaign for water conservation and water security. During the campaign, officers, groundwater experts and scientists from the Government of India worked together with State and district officials in India's most water-stressed districts for water conservation and water resource management.

Central Government has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development which envisages transfer of water from water surplus basins to water deficit basins to improve availability of water.

Government of India has launched Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) on 25th June, 2015 in select 500 cities across the country for a period of five years *i.e.* from 2015-16 to 2019-20 with focus on development of basic civic amenities in the Mission cities. Under the water supply component of the Mission, projects related to rain water harvesting, rejuvenation of water bodies specifically for drinking water supply, recharging of ground water, etc., can be taken up by the States/UTs to enhance water supply in the Mission cities.

The Government of India has launched Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), which aims at providing functional household tap connections to every rural household by 2024 at the service level of 55 litre per capita per day. This Mission will focus on integrated demand and supply side management of water at the local level, including creation of local infrastructure for source sustainability like rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household wastewater for reuse in agriculture.

Some initiatives/measures taken by Central Government to control water depletion and promote rain water harvesting / conservation are available at the URL : http://mowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps_to_control_water_depletion_Jun2019.pdf

Weak financial condition of MSMEs

2342. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the weak financial conditions of MSMEs, whose turnover is less than 10 crore which are burdened by heavy dues and are unable or have refused to pay their debentures/ subscriptions dues, as most of these MSMEs are start-ups or in their nurturing stage; and

(b) if so, remedial measures Government has taken to revive the sick MSMEs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) Under the "Framework for Revival and Rehabilitation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises" put in place by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks have to identify incipient stress (well before the accounts turns into sick category as per the earlier definition) in the MSME accounts and refer it to the Committees formed under the Framework for suitable Corrective Action Plan viz. rectification, restructuring and recovery. RBI has come up also with a Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets and a framework for resolution of stressed assets under which banks have to put in place Board-approved policies for resolution of stressed assets, including the time lines for resolution.

Full Time consultants and advisors with the Ministry

2343. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time consultants and/or advisors currently working with the Ministry and its various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organizations associated with it as of 31st August 2019;

(b) since when they are working and the details of total amount of honorarium/ salary/fees being paid to them, Department/institution-wise; and