

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
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SETTING UP A NATIONAL BUREAU OF WATER USE EFFICIENCY

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Will the MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has finalised the new National Water Policy
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its salient features
- (c) by when the new policy is likely to be implemented
- (d) whether Government proposes to set up a National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and its proposed function?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) No. However, to address the present challenges in water sector, revision of National Water Policy has been envisaged and a drafting committee was constituted on 5th November, 2019 to revise the National Water Policy. The committee, after a process of wide-ranging consultations with different stakeholders, submitted Draft National Water Policy dated 7th November, 2020.

(d) & (e) Yes. The Government is considering a proposal for a National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (NBWUE). It is proposed that this will have overall responsibility of improving water use efficiency across various sectors, namely irrigation, drinking water supply, power generation, industries, cities and all other areas where water is used.
