

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
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PARTICIPATORY GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up any specific expert/inter-ministerial Committee/research study/policy/plan/strategy for studying, evaluating and preparing a policy/plan for participatory ground water management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes sir. National Water Policy (2012) formulated by Department of Water Resources, RD & GR, inter-alia, advocates that Community based water management should be institutionalized and strengthened including management of aquifers.

Further, Government of India is implementing Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal), a Rs.6000 Crore Central Sector Scheme, for sustainable management of ground water resources with community participation in 81 water stressed districts and 9000 GPs of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh on a pilot basis. The outcome of the scheme shall be accordingly assessed on its completion.

(c) In view of the above, question does not arise.
