

- (c) whether any strategy has been worked out in this respect; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Large scale employment generation is expected from the proposed interlinking of rivers, including two links, namely, Yamuna-Rajasthan and Rajasthan-Sabarmati link passing through Rajasthan, due to construction activity of the links and enhanced agricultural and industrial activities in the region. The link proposals are at feasibility stage, and no exact assessment are available at the moment.

- (c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### **Water conservation techniques**

1792. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Earth Care Foundation is seeking help of Government to participate in their programmes on water literacy and water sensitivity by demonstrating water conservation techniques in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the campaigning of water conservation techniques in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir. The Earth Care Foundation has not sought any help of the Ministry of Water Resources to participate in their programmes.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken for the campaigning of water conservation techniques in the country include mass awareness programmes; seminars and workshops; and water harvesting/conservation schemes.

#### **New Water Policy**

1793. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: