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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

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**Rainwater harvesting in new constructions**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regulations requiring installation of rainwater harvesting plants in new constructions are not being followed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the plans to ensure adherence to these regulations?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI  & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(shri RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) As per information received from Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs**,** the Model Building Bye Laws, 2016, has been issued for guidance of the States/UTs which has a chapter on ‘Rainwater Harvesting’. The provisions of this chapter are applicable to all the buildings having a plot size of 100 sq.m. or more. 33 States / UTs have adopted the rainwater harvesting provisions. The implementation of the rainwater harvesting policy comes within the purview of the State Government/Urban Local Body / Urban Development Authority.

Further, installation of rainwater harvesting structures is one of the mandatory conditions for grant of No Objection Certificate (NOC) by Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) for groundwater abstraction by industries / infrastructure / mining projects. Compliance of this condition is mandatory for renewal of NOC. CGWA has also appointed the District Magistrate / District Collector of each Revenue District and Regional Directors of CGWB as Authorized Officers, with power to enforce compliance of NOC conditions.

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