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Ministry of Defence has been one of the active stakeholders and extended commendable support to the campaign. Ministry of Defence has large tracts of lands in their defence establishments, cantonments; army, naval and air-force stations; production units, research and training institutions etc. If appropriate RWHS and artificial recharge structures are taken-up in these premises, large volume of rainwater can be tapped to recharge the groundwater aquifers.



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As the country is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence, it has been decided to create or revive 75 water bodies called 'Amrit Sarovars' in each district of the country. Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his Mann Ki Baat address to the Nation on 24th April 2022, gave a clarion call to construct 75 Amrit Sarovars in each district. Efforts in this direction have already been initiated and approximately 50,000 Amrit Sarovars nationwide shall be created by 15th August 2023. I feel that your Ministry and its organizations can make a substantial contribution to the creation/revival of Amrit Sarovars. I sincerely urge you to direct all concerned to initiate endeavours in this direction. The regional offices of the Central Ground Water Board will be happy to provide you any technical support that you need.

Active participation of the Ministry of Defence is of immense importance to the campaign. I hope that, like in the preceding years, we will get support of your Ministry in the success of abhiyan. I also request that action taken on water conservation and recharge by the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces be entered in the Jal Shakti Abhiyan portal.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely,

(Gajendra Singh Shekhawat)

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Government of India

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Honorable Dharmendra Ji,

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Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) and Artificial Recharge Structures are water conservation practices that can be used to increase water storage, and consequently, water availability. Rainwater "harvesting", or the capture of rainfall runoff from roofs or similar hard surfaces of the campus that would normally escape to sewers or overland flow, provides a high-quality source of water that can be used to increase an institution's water availability.



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Universities/IITs/IIMs have large land areas and hence it is requested that all the rain water falling in the campus be impounded in or under the ground within the campus by creating appropriate RWHS. Where rain water harvesting or recharge structures are already in existence, they may be cleaned.

It is also suggested that we move towards dual piping systems inside the campus building so that grey water from kitchens & bathrooms after primary filtration can be used for flushing systems and watering parks & gardens.

Active participation of the Ministry of Education is of immense importance to the campaign. I hope that, like in the preceding years, we will get support of your Ministry in the success of Abhiyan.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ashwini Vaishnav ji,

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Ministry of Railways has large tracts of land, and therefore becomes an important stakeholder in the success of the campaign. Rainwater harvesting (RWH) is one water conservation practice that can be used to increase water storage and availability. Indian railway stations have a large compound area as well as large roof areas where these structures can be installed.



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It would be appropriate that "Rain Water Harvesting Structures" are built in these premises through which rainwater may be recharged into the groundwater aquifers through suitable structures like dug wells, bore wells, recharge trenches, and recharge pits.

Further, it is also suggested to move towards the dual piping systems in the apartments & buildings of the Railway Stations so that grey water from kitchens & bathrooms after primary filtration can be used for flushing systems and irrigation in parks & gardens.

Active participation of the Ministry of Railways is of immense importance to the campaign. I hope that, like in the preceding years, we will get support of your Ministry in the success of Abhiyan. My Ministry, through the National Water Mission and the Central Ground Water Board, will be happy to provide any technical support needed.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely,

(Gajendra Singh Shekhawat)

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