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area and surroundings. Rural areas are supplied with direct public pipelines from earthen/concrete check dams. A&N Islands exists in high risk seismic zone. The alarming situation in case of an earth quake damaging the water harvesting infrastructure, which has no back-ups is horrifying to imagine. To compound the difficulties, it has been lately gauged that the maximum temperatures have risen considerably and rain fall, both volume as well as duration, has fallen drastically during the last ten years.

**Demand** - A dedicated Water Circle be created with full time responsibility of investigation, planning and executing facilities and infrastructure for ample and regular supply of water (24 hours, metered) of normal as well as potable quality.

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