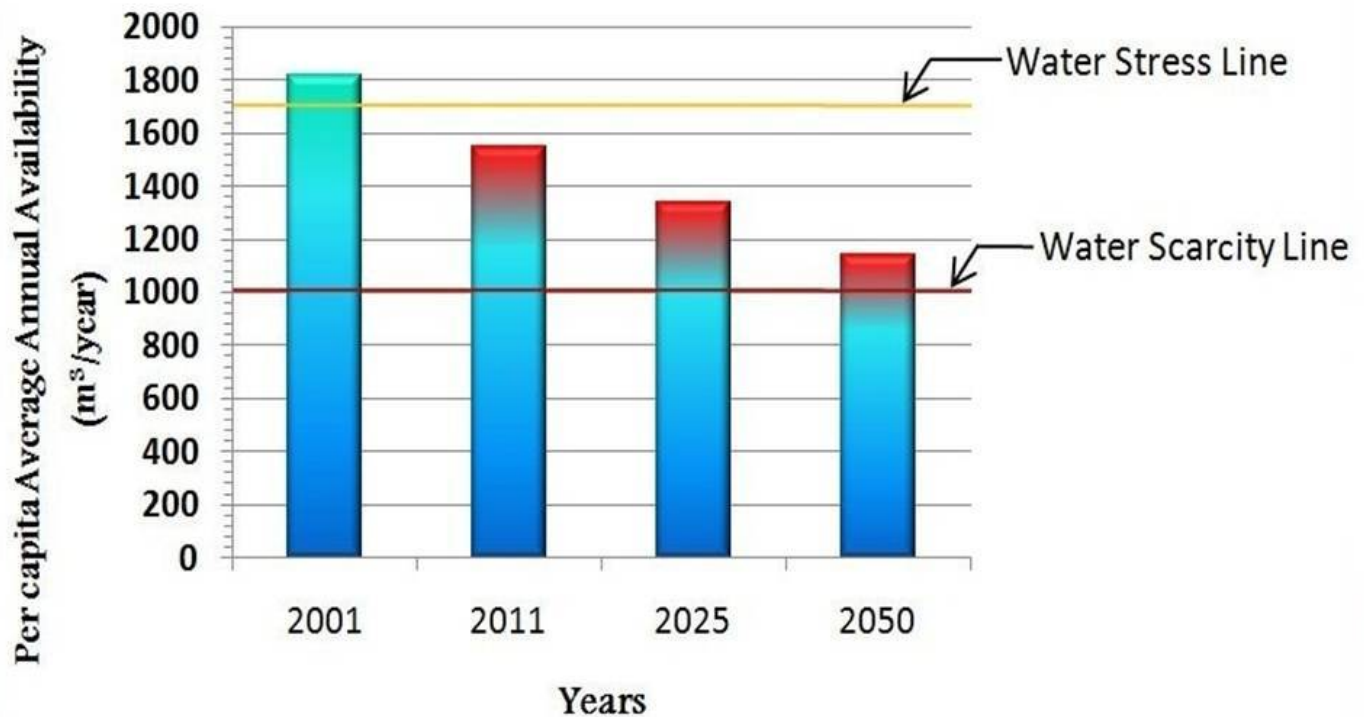


## Does India Have Sufficient Water Resources for its Citizens?

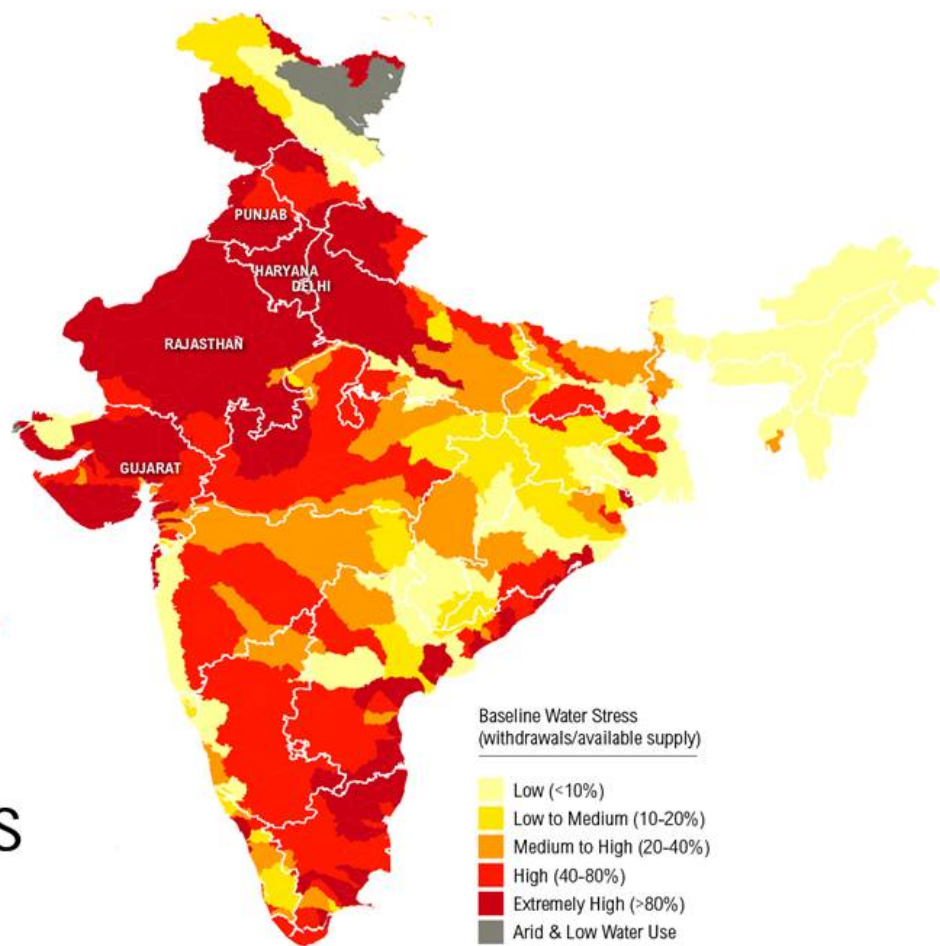
The per capita water availability in the country as a whole is reducing progressively due to increase in population.

### INDIA : Per Capita Water Availability



**Water Stress** occurs when the demand for water exceeds the available amount during a certain period or when poor quality restricts its use. Water stress causes deterioration of fresh water resources in terms of quantity (aquifer over-exploitation, dry rivers, etc.). When per capita availability of water is below 1700 m<sup>3</sup>/year, water availability is termed as "stressed".

**54%**  
of India  
Faces  
**High to  
Extremely  
High**  
Water Stress



**Water Scarcity** is the lack of sufficient available water resources to meet water needs within a region. Physical water scarcity results from inadequate natural water resources to supply a region's demand, and economic water scarcity results from poor management of the sufficient available water resources). When per capita availability of water is below 1000 m<sup>3</sup>/year, water resources are "scarce".

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**India's Ground Water Resources**