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Basic Water Information

Indicators		Data	Year	Source
Water Resources				
Total annual water resources (AWR)		210 cu. km.		9
Water from international rivers as share of annual water resources		6 %		9
Total resources per capita		9,122.0 cu. m.	2000	4,9
Reservoir capacity as percentage of AWR		0.09 %	1995	3
Water Use				
Total annual water withdrawals as share of AWR	Total	13.8 %	1994	9
	Domestic	1 %	1994	9
	Industry	- %	1994	9
	Agriculture	99 %	1994	9
Water withdrawals per capita		1,397 cu.m.	1994	9
Irrigated land as percentage of irrigation potential		52 %	1994	1
Groundwater withdrawals per capita		<i>na</i> cu.m.		
Watershed Management				
Annual rate of change in forest cover (1990-2000)		-1.8 %	2000	2
Water and Poverty				
Population with access to water supply	Urban	85 %	2000	7
	Rural	80 %	2000	7
Population with access to sanitation	Urban	75 %	2000	7
	Rural	20 %	2000	7
Incidence of diarrhoea in children under 5 years of age two weeks prior to the survey		27.5 %	1996	5
Number of deaths due to floods and droughts	1990-2001	2,676 persons		8
Economic losses due to floods and droughts	1990-2001	252.3 \$ million		8

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