

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1348

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WATER CRISIS

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have prepared a comprehensive scheme of Rs.550 crores for the areas facing water crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the States likely to be benefited thereunder;
- (d) whether the States of Maharashtra and Karnataka are likely to be benefited by this scheme; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): A scheme for ground water recharge for effecting sustainable availability of ground water in the country estimated to cost Rs 550.00 crore prepared by Ministry of Water Resources is at present at the conceptstage. The scheme envisages construction of 10,000 ground water recharging structures in `over-exploited` and `dark` blocks and in water scarcity areas of the country by involving individual groups, voluntary organisations and Non-Government Organisations under the overall technical guidance of Central Ground Water Board and State Ground Water Organisations.

(c), (d) & (e): If approved and implemented the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, NCT of Delhi, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and North Eastern States are proposed to be covered under the scheme.