

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:16
ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004
DESALINATION PLANTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to instal desalination plants all along the Coromandal Coast starting with Chennai to put an end to water shortage in Southern States;
- (b) if so, the details of the project;
- (c) whether Rs. 1500 crore desalination plant at Minjur near Chennai has already become operational; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time frame set up for completion of this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION No.16 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 5.7.2004 REGARDING DESALINATION PLANTS.

(a) & (b) The Common Minimum Programme of the United Progressive Alliance Government inter-alia states that "to put an end to the acute drinking water shortage in cities, especially in southern States, desalination plants will be installed all along the Coromandal coast starting with Chennai." The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation have requested the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu to submit proposals for setting up the Desalination Plants in coastal cities/towns facing water scarcity.

(c) & (d) A proposal for sea water desalination project at Minjur near Chennai has been envisaged by the Government of Tamil Nadu with plant capacity of 300 million litre per day (MLD) at an estimated cost of Rs. 1750 crore. The time frame for completion of the project indicated in the project proposal is 26 months.