

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SCARCITY
Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any steps to overcome the water scarcity in the country particularly during the coming summer months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the projects undertaken for the purpose and the success achieved so far; and
- (c) the funds released for the purpose during the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (c) The Contingency Management Plan/Frameworks(CMP) has been finalized by the Drought Management Division, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture in consultation with various Ministries/Departments and CMPs have been circulated to State Governments. Central Water Commission monitors storage position of 81 important reservoirs of the country on daily basis and reports are provided to " Crop Weather Watch Group" of the Ministry of Agriculture, which issues necessary advisory to State authorities for crop planning strategies. Necessary actions related to water management are undertaken by respective State Governments. No funds are released to States by the Ministry of Water Resources for this purpose.