

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1277  
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SCARCITY OF WATER  
Bhagora Shri Tarachand

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is scarcity of water in areas covered under DDP (Desert Development Programm
- (e) as compared to areas covered under DPAP (Drought Prone Areas Programm
- (e) due to abnormal and scanty rains; and
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide irrigation facility on priority basis to prevent the expansion of desert in the said areas and to enable the people to earn their livelihood?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes Madam

(b) Union Cabinet has granted specific approval for providing 90% grant assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme to two projects of Punjab namely Relining of Rajasthan Feeder channel from RD 179000 to RD 496000 and Relining of Sirhind Feeder channel from RD 119700 to RD 447927 and one project of Karnataka namely Modernization of Bhadra.