

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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LIFT IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of districts of various States including Maharashtra have been badly affected by drought;
- (b) if so, whether the farmers of drought affected areas are being encouraged to adopt lift irrigation for the purpose of irrigation;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the funding of lift irrigation projects, particularly in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The State Government concerned is responsible for notifying the drought affected districts of the State. After the notification, the State Government sends Memorandum seeking Central financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) due to drought to the Ministry of Agriculture. During 2011-12, the Governments of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh sent Memoranda seeking Central financial assistance from NDRF to the Ministry of Agriculture in respect of 23 districts and 22 districts declared as drought affected respectively for the drought.

(b), to (d) Irrigation being a State subject, the planning, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects including Lift Irrigation schemes are carried out by State Governments from their own resources as per their own priorities. However, Central Assistance (CA) under AIBP is provided to the State Governments to expedite completion of the irrigation projects.

The details of major/medium Lift irrigation projects of Govt. of Maharashtra approved by Planning Commission and the central assistance provided under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) is at Annexure-I. The details of major/medium irrigation projects of Govt. of Maharashtra including Lift component approved by Planning Commission and the central assistance provided under AIBP is at Annexure-II.