

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any difficulty is being faced in making water available for the cattle in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government so far to ensure adequate supply of water for the cattle in the rural areas?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Due to limited availability of water, and growing demand of water due to increasing population, urbanisation and industrialization, India is facing water stress, which may also affect cattle in rural areas, especially in the summer season.
- (c) The National Water Policy 2002 inter alia stipulates that 'adequate safe drinking water facilities should be provided to the entire population both in urban and in rural areas. Irrigation and multipurpose projects should invariably include a drinking water component, wherever there is no alternative source of drinking water. Drinking water needs of human beings and animals should be the first charge on any available water.
- (d) The State Governments undertake measures for conservation of water resources through reservoirs, traditional water bodies, rainwater harnessing, artificial recharge to ground water etc., and implements various schemes inter alia for adequate supply of water for the cattle in the rural areas. The Central Government supplements these efforts of the State government, both technically and financially, through various schemes like Repair Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies.