

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1900
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PROBLEM OF WATERLOGGING
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sent any team to visit the waterlogged areas in the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the report prepared and action taken so far?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Madam. The Government has sent a team to visit the waterlogged areas in the State of Punjab only in the recent past. Planning Commission, Government of India vide Office Order No. 22(199)/2012-WR dated 8.6.2012 has set up a High level Expert Group for addressing the issues of waterlogging in Punjab. Dr. Mihir Shah, Member, Water Resources and Rural Development, Planning Commission, New Delhi is the Chairman of the Expert Group. This team visited the waterlogged areas in the State of Punjab during 1st-3rd July, 2012. The constitution order and the tour report of the High Level Expert Group have already been sent to all the Members.