

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the water supply schemes under consideration of the Government including in Bihar, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has reviewed the sources of water supply to tackle the drought situation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the concrete measures being taken at present for water supply in the drought affected areas?

Answer

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

(a) Water is a State subject. Under the centrally sponsored scheme, National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation provides financial and technical assistance to the States to supplement their efforts to provide safe and adequate drinking water to the rural areas. Under NRDWP, States are empowered to plan, design, approve, implement and operate drinking water projects.

(b) & (c) Keeping in view the possibility of delay in the onset of monsoon and also uneven spatial distribution which may result in some areas getting less than normal rainfall, the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India issued an advisory on 9th July 2012 to the States/ Union Territories requesting them inter-alia to make judicious use of available water in the reservoirs, give priority to drinking water supply and irrigation and to use ground water to meet the situation to the extent necessary.

(d) Inter-Ministerial Central Teams are visiting the states to assess the drought situation and assistance from National Disaster Response Fund is being provided to the affected states for supply of drinking water through tankers. Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has informed that 2% of the allocation under National Rural Drinking Water Programme has been earmarked for dealing with natural calamities including droughts.