

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3154
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SHORTAGE OF WATER IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the scheme-wise status as well as the number of various centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the Government to resolve the problem of water shortage in the State of Bihar;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated by the Government for the purpose along with the details of funds utilized out of the allocated funds;
- (c) whether the Bihar Government has forwarded any proposal to the Central Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

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

- (a) No centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources. However, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched a centrally sponsored scheme on "Micro Irrigation" during 2006-07 in all the States including the State of Bihar. The main objective of the scheme is to enhance water use efficiency, to increase productivity and farmers' income, etc. in the agriculture sector.
- (b) During the year 2012-13, Rs.70.00 crore has been allocated to Government of Bihar and a sum of Rs.35.00 crore was released as first installment in June, 2012 by Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation.
- (c) & (d) The state had submitted an annual action plan to the Ministry of Agriculture during 2011-12 and a sum of Rs. 4.5 Cr. was released.