

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the acute shortage of water in major metropolitan cities;
- (b) if so, the steps to be taken in this regard; and
- (c) the action being taken in resolving conflicts over inter-State rivers and their contamination?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) Ministry of Urban Development has informed that no information had been received from any major metropolitan cities regarding acute shortage of water.
- (b) Ministry of Urban Development is supplementing the efforts of State Governments/ Urban Local Bodies in providing water supply in urban areas/ Metropolitan cities under the schemes / programmes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme, Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme in Satellite Towns.
- (c) The Central Government strives towards amicable resolution of differences concerning sharing of water among the State Governments through negotiations. Unresolved water disputes are referred to Inter-State Water Disputes Tribunals for adjudication. For abatement of contamination of river water, State Governments take appropriate measures.