

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT LIKE SITUATION
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the States where drought like situation has arisen leading to shortage of drinking water;
- (b) the steps taken by the Union Government to overcome the situation;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any request for additional financial assistance from these States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a): The names of the States where drought like situation has arisen leading to shortage of drinking water are Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab.

(b): The Ministry has written to all State Governments in June, 2012 informing them about the forecast by India Meteorological Department (IMD) and advising them to take steps for preparedness and response in order to tackle drought like situations in States and also to ensure preparedness for any drought like situation that may develop during South-West monsoon 2012. The States were requested to prepare a Contingency Plan for the same. As per Standard Operating Procedure, States have prepared Contingency Plans which include deepening of wells; rejuvenation, repair, replacement of pumping machinery including handpumps; augmentation of source; construction of new wells, re-boring of old tube wells, hydro-fracturing and water supply through tankers. The Ministry had also requested the States to send regular reports on the various activities taken up by them to mitigate drinking water problems. Minister of Agriculture and Food Processing Industries and Minister of Rural Development and Drinking Water and Sanitation along with a team of Central officials visited the affected States in August 2012, to assess the drought situation including scarcity of drinking water.

(c)&(d): The States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan had submitted requests for additional financial assistance for water supply for Rs. 397.98 crore, Rs. 206 crore, Rs. 478.63 crore, Rs. 26 crore, Rs. 43.24 crore and Rs. 819.11 crore respectively.

(e): The Ministry has, after obtaining approval from the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) on drought, released funds under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme NRDWP (calamity component) to the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan and preponed the release of the 2nd installment of NRDWP funds for 2012-13, to the States of Karnataka, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra. The details of the funds released to the affected States under NRDWP for rural water supply in 2011-12, are as below.

(In Rs. Cr.)

State	NRDWP (Program) component Release	NRDWP (Calamity) component Release	Total release
Maharashtra	459.42	15.00	474.423
Gujarat	381.62	0.0	381.62
Karnataka	563.24	24.00	587.24
Rajasthan	650.41	11.00	661.41
Haryana	230.95	0.0	230.95
Punjab	90.33	0.0	90.33