

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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LIFT IRRIGATION

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that many districts of various States have been badly affected by drought during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers in the drought affected areas are being encouraged to adopt lift irrigation;
- (d) if so, the action plan formulated or being formulated by the Union Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Indira Lift Irrigation Project meant for providing water to Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, Dausa by lifting Chambal water is presently pending with the Union Government; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Union Government thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) As per the information received from Ministry of Agriculture the details of various drought affected States during last three years are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) Union Government does not encourage on a particular type of irrigation. Adoption of type of irrigation depends upon availability and suitability of resources, topography, techno-economic feasibility etc. Proposal for providing irrigation facilities to farmers are formulated after duly considering all related issues.

(e) & (f) No, Madam. The Detailed Project Report of Indira lift Irrigation Scheme was received from Govt. of Rajasthan for techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission(CWC) in 12/2003. The proposal was appraised in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture and various specialized directorates of CWC and Central Ground Water Board(CGWB). Comments/observations were sent to project authorities for compliance. The compliances were not received in CWC. Further, the project authorities informed that "The National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) decided in its 18th meeting held on 12.4.2010 that any project to be proposed on Chambal river by the Committee comprising of three agencies viz. Wildlife Institute of India, Bombay Natural history Society and World Wide Fund -India in consultation with state authorities.

Annexure

DETAILS OF DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES DURING LAST THREE YEARS

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No. Year Drought affected states

1 2010 Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Odisha

2 2011 Karnataka

3 2012 Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka,
Rajasthan, Harayana, Gujarat, Kerala