

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2114  
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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 currently facing drought-like situation and problem in supplying drinking water to the rural areas including Karnataka;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to solve the drinking water problem in these States;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals seeking financial assistance to provide adequate drinking water to all households; and
- (d) if so, the funds released to these States for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a): The names of the States currently facing drought like situation and problem in supplying drinking water to the rural areas are Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab.

(b): The Ministry had written to all State Governments in June, 2012 informing them about the forecast by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and advising them to take steps for preparedness and response in order to tackle drought like situations in States 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 activities like 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): 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 to tackle the drinking water problems due to drought like situation in 2012.

(d): The funds released to these States during the last three years and the current year under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) programme and Calamity components, are as below:

(in Rs. Crore)

State name Release under NRDWP

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13					
	Program	Calamity	Program	Calamity	Program	Calamity	Program	Calamity	
Karnataka	590.67	37.19	703.80	-	659.12	8.66	562.24	24.00	
Maharashtra	647.81	-	714.94	3.48	728.35	-	459.42	15.00	
Gujarat	482.75	-	609.10	-	571.05	-	381.62	-	
Rajasthan	1012.16	-	1099.48	-	1153.76	-	615.96	11.00	
Haryana	206.89	-	-	276.00	0.90	-	237.74	-	230.95
Punjab	-	88.811	-	-	106.59	-	123.44	-	83.36

Till 30.11.2012