

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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REFORM IN WATER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether plans have been worked out by the Government for improvement of water resources in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the State-wise details of funds spent during the last three years for implementation of these plans particularly in backward and tribal areas of Maharashtra State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) The Government of India has launched the National Water Mission with the objective of 'conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management'. In addition, several steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management to ensure sustainability of water resources are conceived, planned and implemented by the State Governments. For supplementing the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes namely "Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)", "Command Area Development and Water Management Programme", "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies" and Artificial Recharge to Ground Water.

(c) The details of State wise funds (including Maharashtra) released under the above mentioned schemes / programmes during the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12) are at Annexures I to IV respectively.