

**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 some areas in Maharashtra are badly affected due to shortage of water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of most affected parts of the State to the extent of loss suffered during last one year;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to declare some of the river projects of Maharashtra as national assets for conservation of water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which water supply for drinking and irrigation purposes would be improved with these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that the State Government has declared scarcity situation in 122 taluke vide GR dated 22.08.2012. The list of most affected talukas in Maharashtra is given at Annex-I.

(c) to (e) Gosikhurd Irrigation Project of Maharashtra has been included in the scheme of National Project on 07.02.2008. The Gosikhurd Project is a Major Multi-Purpose Project in Eastern Vidarbha situated on Wainganga river near village Gosikhurd in Pauni taluka of Bhandara District in Maharashtra State. The project will provide irrigation benefits to 250800 ha (Ultimate Irrigation Potential). The irrigable command area of the project is 190000 ha. The project proposes to install hydropower with power generation capacity of 0.5 MW and 2.5 MW at head regulators of Left Bank Canal & Right Bank Canal respectively. The project will also provide water supply for drinking purpose to Bhandara city and nearby villages (water supply of 23.69 Mm³ to Jawaharnagar Ordinance Factory and water supply of 100 Mm³ to proposed NTPC Thermal Power Plant at Mauda).