

**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/UTs currently facing drought-like situation and problem in supplying drinking water to the rural areas including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to solve the drinking water problem in these States/UTs;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the States/UTs for additional financial assistance to deal with the situation; and
- (d) if so, the funds released to these States/UTs for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) As per the information available from the State Governments the States where drought like situation has arisen leading to problems in drinking water supply in 2012-13 are Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Tamilnadu.

(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 Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Haryana and Punjab in August 2012, to assess the drought situation including scarcity of drinking water. Inter-Ministerial Central Teams also visited Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Kerala and Rajasthan for the same purpose.

(c) Yes Madam. The States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala, Gujarat, Punjab Haryana and Rajasthan had submitted requests for additional financial assistance for drinking water supply to deal with the drought like situation.

(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 Natural Calamity components, are as below:

(in Rs crore)

State Name	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
	Progr.	Calamity	Progr.	Calamity	Progr.	Calamity	Progr.	Calamity
Karnataka	590.67	37.19	703.80	-	659.12	8.66	804.34	38.2
Maharashtra	647.81	-	714.94	3.48	728.35	-	590.28	15.00
Gujarat	482.75	-	609.10	-	571.05	-	702.73	-
Rajasthan	1012.16	-	1099.49	-	1153.76	-	1255.36	11.00
Haryana	206.89	-	276.90	-	237.74	-	311.41	-
Punjab	88.881	-	106.59	-	123.44	-	142.42	-
Tamilnadu	317.95	-	393.53	-	417.31	12.24	570.17	-
Kerala	152.04	-	151.43	8.4	113.39	-	167.86	-