

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SUPPLY IN KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that drought like conditions exist in Karnataka and there is perpetual shortage of drinking water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government for seeking financial assistance to provide adequate drinking water to every household; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Agriculture has declared drought-affected condition during 2012-13 in 26 districts (142 talukas) out of 30 districts in Karnataka State. The names of drought-affected districts is given below:

Bagalkote, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore Urban, Belgaum, Bellary, Bider, Bijapur, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapura, Chikkamagalur, Chitradurge, Davangere, Dharwad, Gadag, Gulburga, Hassan, Haveri, Kolar, Koppal, Mandya, Mysore, Raichure, Ramanagar, Shimoga, Tumkur, Yadgiri.

As per India Meteorological Department (IMD), the variation of +19 to -19% from the normal rainfall to actual rainfall is treated as normal rainfall and variation of -20% to -59% is treated as deficient rainfall. The deficient rainfall during monsoon 2012 for Karnataka State as per IMD, is given below:

(Rainfall in Milimetres)

S.N.	Met.Sub-Division rainfall	Normal rainfall	Actual	% variation
1.	North Interior Karnnataka	506	326	-36
2.	South Interior Karnataka	660	509	-23

(c) & (d) The proposal for seeking financial assistance has been received by Union Government. The Government of India has approved Rs. 526.06 crore from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) account for the instant calamity. Government of India has also approved an assistance of Rs.14.20 crore from Special Component of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for repair of damaged drinking water supply works.

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team including a representative of the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, visited Karnataka to access the drought and drinking water situation in the State. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has released Rs.869.24 crore under NRDWP during 2012-13, out of which Rs.38.20 crore has been released for restoring drinking water supply in the drought affected areas of Karnataka on the basis of the Inter-Ministerial Central team and the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group.