

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LESS WATER IN CANALS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many canals in Andhra Pradesh are not carrying enough water as a result of which the farmers are facing difficulties in irrigating their fields;
- (b) if so, the details of the canals which are having water in them and the canals which do not have water in them;
- (c) whether the farmers of the State are not provided water when it is required for irrigation of fields; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure timely supply of water in canals for irrigation of fields in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) As per the information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, all the projects located in Delta regions namely Godavari Delta System, Krishna Delta System, Penna Delta System and Vamsadhara Project are being supplied water in full whereas tail end areas of projects namely Nagarjuna Sagar Project, Sri Ram Sagar Project, Nizam Sagar Project and High Level Canal and Low Level Canal under Tunga Bhadra Project could not be supplied with sufficient water.

(c) As per the information furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, farmers of the state are being provided with irrigation water depending upon the availability and need.

(d) Water is a subject in the State List at Entry 17 of List II in 7th schedule of the Constitution (Article 246 refers). The development of irrigation thus falls in the ambit of respective State Governments and as such the planning, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects including supply of water in canals for irrigation of fields are to be carried out by the States from their own resources as per their priorities.

Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that modernization of old canal networks is being taken up in all major projects of the State under plan funds and through external aided funds like World Bank. Similarly, modernization is also taken up in medium projects under external funding like Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and plan funds.