

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to tackle the problem of drinking water in drought-affected districts/areas of the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise;
- (c) whether any State Government has submitted any proposal to Union Government to address this problem;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Ministry had written to all State Governments, including Maharashtra, in June 2013, 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. The States were requested to prepare Contingency Plans for the same to handle any situation that may arise. The Ministry had also requested the States to send regular reports on the various activities taken up by them to mitigate drinking water problems.

(c) to (e) No State has submitted request for assistance to address the problem in 2013. However in 2012, 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. The funds released to these States during 2012-13 under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) Programme and Natural Calamity components, are as below: (in Rs crores) SI.No. Name of State NRDWP (Programme) NRDWP (Calamity) 1. Karnataka 804.34 38.0 2. Maharashtra 590.28 15.0 3. Gujarat 702.73 # 4. Rajasthan 1255.36 11.00 5. Haryana 311.41 # 6. Punjab 142.42 # 7. Tamil nadu 570.17 # 8. Kerala 167.86 #