

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether many canals of Maharashtra have dried, due to which farmers are facing problems in irrigating their fields;
- (b) if so, the number of canals in Maharashtra which have water and which are without water; and
- (c) whether water is supplied through these canals to farmers when it is not required instead of when it is required, and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Government of Maharashtra have informed, that it is not true that many canals of Maharashtra have dried, due to which farmers are facing problems in irrigating their fields. Canal irrigation projects are supplied water through respective dams of the projects. The total live storage of the dams as reported by the State as on 15.10.2013 is to the tune of 86% . Water shortage is reported only in the case of Manjra, Lower Terna and Sina-Kolegaon Project of Marathwada region where actual live storage is nil and whatever water available in the dead storage is being reserved for drinking purpose.

(c) Government of Maharashtra have reported that water rotation is being planned in the beginning of the irrigation season, i.e. Kharif, Rabi etc., after due discussions with the beneficiaries of the projects and conveyed to all concerned beneficiaries before actual release of water