

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SHARE OF RIVER WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the tail-end users/farmers of Tung Bhadra river water in Karnataka are getting raw deal in their water share;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that tail-end users/farmers are not given any training in judicious use of water in irrigated commands;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has any mechanism in place to provide training to farmers in using water judiciously; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Karnataka, tail end area of Tungabhadra Project command receives less water compared to upper reaches of command. The Tungabhadra project designed and built (1953) across Tungabhadra river for providing protective irrigation to mainly semidry crops/light irrigation crops like cotton, Chilly garden etc. and to a small extent of irrigation to wet crops like paddy and sugar cane. For the past two and half decades the farmers have been growing paddy in the large area of command instead of light irrigation crops and paddy is grown in almost all areas of the upper reaches of the command area as well as outside command area in the upper reaches, leaving less water for tail end farmers than their due share.

(c) to (e) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Karnataka, training to the farmers and Water users co-operative societies both at the initial and tail end are being given by WALMI Dharwad for judicious use of water in irrigated commands.

Also, State Sector Scheme namely Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM) Programme implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR), provide 75% of funds required for training to farmers, field functionaries and officials, adaptive trials and demonstrations under its components pertaining to software activities. Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 9.735 lakh (Central share) and Rs.340.153 lakh (Central share) have been provided for training & demonstrations for the Tung Bhadra CAD project under CADWM programme during 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.