

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SCARCITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a crisis of water supply in Vidharbha; and
- (b) if so, the measures taken for providing water supply to these villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

- a) Yes, Madam. The Vidharbha region in Maharashtra is drought prone.
- b) Several steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management to ensure sustainability of water resources are being undertaken by the respective State Governments. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP); and scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies etc. A specific scheme for Vidharbha region under implementation is Vidharbha Intensified Irrigation Development Programme (VIIDP) since 2012-13 in 11 districts of Vidharbha region of Maharashtra with a total allocation of Rs. 3250 crore from 2012-13 to 2016-17. The allocation for the year 2014-15 is Rs. 150 crore.