

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to lack of rains, number of minor irrigation tanks have gone dry in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to supply water from major irrigation tanks to minor irrigation tanks to ensure drinking water availability to cattle during the summer season;
- (c) if so, the response of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details along with the steps taken for the optimal use of water resources in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The Government of Karnataka has informed that there are no proposals for supply of water from Major Irrigation tanks to Minor Irrigation tanks for drinking purposes. However, they have accorded administrative approval for filling up of 16 MI tanks and 5 Bandaras in Bijapur District and 8 MI tanks in Hagalkul District from Krishna river at an estimated cost of Rs 86.10 crores, the work was taken up and water is let out to these tanks.

(d) Water Resource Projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. 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.

The Government of India has also set up National Water Mission (NWM) under National Action Plan for Climate Change. The main objective of NWM is "conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management".