

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN RANIKHET CANTONMENT AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Ranikhet and Landsdowne Cantonment areas situated in Uttarakhand has to face severe shortage of drinking water during summer season;
- (b) if so, whether the Cantonment Board and local representatives have requested for a new scheme for drinking water and also for forming a reservoir;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) Being hill cantonments, seasonal shortages of water do arise in Ranikhet and Landsdowne Cantonments due to increase in demand during summer.
- (b) to (d): On the request of Ranikhet Cantonment Board, the State Irrigation Department of Uttarakhand has prepared a Project report for a check dam. No formal proposal has, however, been received by the Government.

Similarly, in the case of Landsdowne Cantonment, the Cantonment Board has decided on a Memorandum of Understanding with Uttarakhand Payjal Sansthan Vikas Evam Nirman Nigam to augment water supply in the Cantonment.