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Water Security
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any pilot project in view of water security in water stressed and quality affected areas, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether as per the Central Groundwater Board (CGB) there are 1071 over-exploited blocks/units in the country;
(c) if so, whether the Government has selected all those blocks/units identified by the CGB under the pilot project for providing drinking water security;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to include more blocks/units under the pilot project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)
(a) Yes Madam. The Government is implementing National Drinking Water Security Pilot Projects in 15 Blocks in 11 States in ground water over-exploited areas. The detailed list of the pilot blocks are attached in Annexure.
(b)Yes Madam. Out of 6607 blocks assessed by Central Groundwater Board, the Board has categorised 1071 blocks (As on 31st March 2011), as Over Exploited. (CGWB report 'Dynamic Ground Water Resources of India, 2011').
(c)No Madam.
(d) & (e)There is no separate fund-allocation and releases made for this project. The funds for the pilot projects are being utilized from National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) (Support and Sustainability components) for software and hardware costs respectively. Hardware costs are also proposed to be dovetailed from various other schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS), Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP) Agriculture, Irrigation, etc. from different programmes of line Departments.
â€¢ Hardware costs- Hardware costs are been met from various sources (NRDWP sustainability funds, Swachch Bharat Mission (Grameen) (SBM-G), IWDP, MNREGS & other Funds) for hardware activities such as sustainability structures, water supply schemes. etc. The estimated cost per Block is about Rs. 14 Crores. Since the hardware component activities under progress in many blocks, the expenditure incurred has not been reported by the States so far.
â€¢ Software costs- Software costs are been met from NRDWP Support Component for software activities such as awareness generation, capacity building, Support Organization costs, community monitoring and equipment costs, etc. The estimated cost per Block is about Rs. 1 Crore for a period of 2 -years.

The successful outcome of the project will enable the Government to take up/include more blocks/units under the project.