

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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NRDWP

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments seeking grant of special status in order to solve the problems of drinking water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the time by which the Union Government proposes to grant special status to the concerned State Governments and to provide funds under this Head?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

- (a) The Ministry has not received any detailed proposal from the State Governments including State of Rajasthan to grant special status to them during 2015-16. However, the Ministry has received a letter dated 24th April, 2015 from Hon'ble CM, Rajasthan addressed to Hon'ble Minister, Drinking Water & Sanitation in which the State has requested to consider an additional demand of Rs. 500 crores to meet out urgent demand and help discharge the current liabilities.
- (b) The Hon'ble CM, Rajasthan has beenreplied vide letter dated 08th May, 2015 about the budget cut of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and it has been assured that highest considerations of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation would be given while allocating funds under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to the States during 2015-16. Further, an amount of Rs. 2415.06 Crore has been released to all States/UTs rural drinking water supply out of which Rs. 252.60 Crorehas been released to the State of Rajasthanduring financial year 2015-16.
- (c) There is no proposal under consideration with the Government to grant Special Status to any State .