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Supply of Water in Drought Prone Areas
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to ensure adequate and uninterrupted supply of water in the drought prone areas of the country;
- (b) whether any blueprint has been prepared by the Government to associate rivers in achieving the above initiatives; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (c) Water being a state subject, steps to ensure sustainability of water resources are undertaken by respective state Governments depending on their priority and resources. In order to supplement the efforts of state Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance through various schemes and programmes including Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP); Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies and Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) of Irrigation Projects etc. The Union Government has launched AIBP in 1996-97 with an aim and objective to accelerate the implementation of ongoing Major/Medium (MMI) including Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) of irrigation projects and Surface Minor Irrigation schemes which were beyond resource capability of the states and were in advanced stage of construction. Under the scheme, eligible projects proposed by the State Government for the storage of available water are provided Central Assistance in accordance with the AIBP Guidelines to accelerate creation of potential by these projects.

Further, Central Water Commission monitors live storage of 91 reservoirs of the country and issues Reservoir Bulletin on weekly basis. Based on IMD forecast, Chairman, CWC issued advisory to State Governments to utilize available water resource prudently and avoid using water intensive crops to the extent required.

Also, Ministry has launched 'Jal Kranti Abhiyan, 2015-16' under which two villages in every district of the country are to be selected, preferably from the dark blocks facing water scarcity, as 'Jal Grams'. Integrated water security plan, water conservation, water management and allied activities are to be undertaken in these villages to ensure optimum and sustainable utilization of water.
