

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER

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

(a) whether there is acute shortage of drinking water in the backward and tribal dominated rural areas of the country including Gadchiroli-Chimur region in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number of such backward and tribal areas, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to provide drinking water to such backward and tribal dominated rural areas across the country, funds allocated/released for the purpose during the 12th Five Year Plan period, year and State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b) As reported by the Government of Maharashtra there is no shortage of drinking water in the backward and tribal dominated rural areas of Gadchiroli-Chimur region of Maharashtra. As reported in the contingency plans to tackle drought like situation in the country , 21 States have stated of some shortage of drinking water including backward and tribal dominated rural areas of the country. Reference exclusively in respect of backward and tribal dominated rural areas is not there.

(c) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has released funds to all States / UTs to provide safe drinking water in rural areas including backward and tribal dominated areas during the 12th Five Year Plan period. Under NRDWP, 22% of fund allocations given for Scheduled Caste (SC) dominated habitations and 10% is earmarked for Scheduled Tribe (ST) dominated habitations. States / UTs have been requested to focus on piped water connection to rural households during Annual Action Plan meetings including backward and tribal areas of the country. Details of State/UT wise release of funds during the year 2012-13, 2013-14 and current year to the SC/ST habitations is given at Annexure.