

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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WATER STRESSED VILLAGES

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of water-stressed villages in Punjab and Haryana;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce over-irrigation; and
- (c) the steps being taken to penalise the farmers who are using such activities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) As per Dynamic Ground Water Resources Assessment of India, 2017 carried out by Central Ground Water Board along with concerned states, there are 111 (109 over-exploited and 2 critical) and 81 (78 over-exploited and 3 critical) water stressed Blocks in Punjab and Haryana respectively.

(b) & (c) In order to reduce over Irrigation in water stressed areas, Government of India launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) with components of Per Drop More Crop and Har Khet Ko Pani which mainly focuses on water use efficiency at farm level through precision/micro irrigation (Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation System) in the entire country including states of Punjab and Haryana.

The Ministry of Jal Shakti is also reaching out to the farmers through a sustained media campaign to create awareness towards growing less water intensive crops and move towards water use efficiency measures such as drip and sprinkler irrigation for judicious use of water
