

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1215**

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**EXTREME WATER SITUATIONS IN BIHAR**

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is expecting any extreme flood or drought like situation in the State of Bihar for the year 2023;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government for the State of Bihar;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any action plan for the supply of clean drinking water in the event of flood situation in Bihar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government is taking any steps to prevent drought situation in Bihar in 2023;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b)** The large temporal and spatial variation in availability of water annually in the country leads to floods in some parts, while some other parts experience drought. The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments concerned. The State Governments provide financial relief to the affected people in the wake of notified disasters (including flood & drought), from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal. However, in the event of disaster of a severe nature, additional financial assistance is extended from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) as per the laid down procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

**(c) & (d)** In order to meet the demand of clean drinking water and sanitation facility in the event of flood or drought, Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Bihar formulates an “Annual Contingency Plan”. The Contingency Plans includes provisions like special drive for repairing of public hand pumps, raising of platform of drinking water sources at water logged places, setting up of mobile water ATM, Jaldoots, Tankers, maintenance plan for drinking water and sanitation facilities at identified shelter places, disinfection of drinking water sources, ensuring availability of diesel generator set, etc. for meeting any eventuality in flood or drought situation.

**(e) & (f)** Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare issues advisories to all States/Union Territories before the onset of Monsoon season for reviewing the State’s preparedness in managing any weather related contingency for mitigating the adverse impacts of an aberrant monsoon. Further, through m-kisan portal weather-based SMS advisories are sent to the registered farmers in their local languages. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is continuously developing early, short duration, climate resilient variety field crops, to address the seed requirements of agro ecologies such as drought, flood, salinity and restricted irrigation. ICAR also issues timely advisory to States for adoption of these varieties duly mapped under 20 agro ecological regions.

Government of India also provides technical & financial assistance to State Governments to encourage conservation and efficient management of water through various schemes and programmes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Jal Shakti Abhiyaan, Artificial Recharge of Ground Water, etc.

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