GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

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AVAILABILITY OF WATER IN GUJARAT

399 # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether the per capita water availability in Gujarat has increased over the last few years;
- (b) whether the said increase has led to an increase in the production of agriculture and animal husbandry sector as well;
- (c) whether people are getting employment due to an increase in production; and
- (d) whether the incidents of migration from various regions have reduced due to the availability of water, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JALSHAKTI

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d) The average per capita water availability of any region is dependent on hydrometeorological & geological factors and population of the region. Based on the study 'Reassessment of Water Availability in India using Space Inputs' carried out by Central Water Commission (CWC) in 2019, the average annual per capita water availability in the year 2011 has been assessed as 1508 cubic meters. This data is not available State-wise.

The Groundwater Year Book 2021-22 of Gujarat State published by Central Ground Water Board in November, 2022 mentions that the comparison of water level of May, 2021 with the average water level of May for last one decade (2011-2020) there is a rise noted for 71% of the wells monitored.

As per Agriculture Statistics at a Glance, 2021, the share in Gross Value Added (GVA) at current basic prices in r/o agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors, has increased from 18.5% in 2011-12 to 18.6% in 2021-22. Similarly, the share in Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant (2011-12) basic prices in r/o agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors, has increased from 1.5 % in 2012-13 to 3.3% in 2021-22.

As reported by M/o Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and M/o Labour and Employment, various schemes viz. Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Programme for Dairy Development,

National Livestock Mission, Livestock Health and Disease Control, Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Production Linked Incentive (PLI), etc., are being implemented to supplement the efforts of the States/ UTs across the country, including in Gujarat, which help increase the employment opportunities in the various fields directly as well as indirectly.
