

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3921
TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 20, 2018

WATER SHORTAGE IN URBAN AREAS

No. 3921

SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the problems of water shortage is becoming acute in the urban areas like Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any policy/measures/upgradation in respect of ground water usage and supply of drinking water in the urban areas for tackling this problem;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has also intitated any public awareness initiative in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed by the Government to tackle the problem of water shortage especially in the urban cities across various States?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY
OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a): Urban Water Supply services are the subject matter of States and functions of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) as per the constitution. No reports received in the Ministry reg. acute water shortage in the cities

of Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur etc. However, there can be seasonal shortages due to hot & dry weather in summer and there can be shortage within the service area due to inefficient management at local level etc.

(b) to (e):- The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) has been launched by the Government on June 25, 2015 in 500 Mission cities across the country. The Mission envisages to provide water supply in the Mission cities. Rejuvenation of water bodies specifically for drinking water supply and recharging of ground water is a sub-component for funding under it.

Under AMRUT Mission, against the total plan size of Rs. 77,640 crore of all the State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs), Rs. 39,011 core (50%) has been allocated to water supply sector. In this sector, 35 projects worth Rs. 85 crore have been completed and contracts for 557 projects worth Rs. 20,719 crore have been awarded. NITs have been issued for 172 projects worth Rs. 6,211 crore and DPRs for 192 projects worth Rs. 4,024 crore have been approved. The detail is attached
