

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1475**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018**

**Future Demand for Potable Water**

**1475. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by NITI Aayog has found that India is facing its worst water crisis in the history and that the demand for potable water will outstrip supply by 2030, if steps are not taken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps proposed to be taken to face such a situation?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**  
**(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a)& (b)Yes, Madam.As per latest report by NITI Aayog (June, 2018) on ‘Composite Water Management Index’, 60 crore population of India face high to extreme water stress. By 2030, the country’s water demand is projected to be twice the available supply. Various Ministries are taking comprehensive measures which are supplementing the efforts of the states to ameliorate the current scenario of water availability.As far as this Ministry is concerned, through Centrally Sponsored scheme National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), technical and financial assistance are provided to States for providing safe drinking water in rural areas.