

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3703
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/08/2018**

Proposal for Water Supply

†3703 SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

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

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for sustainable water supply in water scarce areas of Saurashtra and Kutch regions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for viability gap funding/ financial support to meet the capital cost of 4 desalination plants costing Rs.3500 crore approximately and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard so far?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Govt. of Gujarat had submitted a preliminary project proposal for additional funding of Rs. 2481.01 Crores under National Rural Drinking Programme (NRDWP) "as a special case" for 5 Multi-Village regional water supply schemes, 01 aquifer recharge project, Desalination Unit and large number of rooftop harvesting system. Subsequently, the revised proposal was submitted for financial support of Rs. 4570 Crores, as a special case, for water supply schemes including setting up of 02 desalination plants at two strategic location in Saurashtra regions under NRDWP. However, based on the approved allocation criteria of NRDWP funds, such huge funding could not be accommodated. As such, State Government was suggested for furnishing the proposal for external funding for submission to Department of Economic Affairs.