

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.520**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018**

**Problem of Drinking Water in Drought Affected Areas**

†520. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to deal with the issue of drinking water in drought affected districts/areas across the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any proposal to resolve this issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (e) Reference for assessment of the situation of drought has been received from Nodal Ministry (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare) in 2018 for the state of Jharkhand, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra for which representative from this Ministry has been nominated for participation in the Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

To take relief measures for restoration of the drinking water supply in drought affected areas, as per the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) provides for, States may utilize up to 25% of NRDWP funds as Flexi funds, in case of Natural Calamity. States can also take a long term measures using NRDWP funds for providing permanent solution to the drinking water problem in such areas.