

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2144
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

Shortage of Drinking Water

†2144. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the availability of drinking water has been affected due to the scarcity of groundwater in some parts of Maharashtra especially in Buldhana parliamentary constituency and other backward areas;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to provide financial as well as technical assistance to the State Governments; and
- (c) the achievements made in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (c) As per information furnished by Government of Maharashtra, the availability of drinking water has been affected due to the scarcity of groundwater in some parts of Maharashtra especially in Buldhana parliamentary constituency and other backward areas. This Ministry supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing technical and financial assistance for improving coverage of drinking water supply in rural areas. During 2018-19, Rs. 239.06 crore has been released to the State of Maharashtra under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). As reported by States on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), 635 habitations have been covered during 2018-19 in the State of Maharashtra.