

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2162  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

**Emerging Water Crisis**

**2162. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C.UDASI:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a 2018 report by NITI Aayog cautioned that India is facing its worst ever water crisis and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the demand for potable water will outstrip supply by 2030 in the absence of any concrete steps; and
- (c) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken to face such a situation?

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

(a) to (c) 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. The Central Government is 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.