GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5475 ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019

WATER SCARCITY

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being run by the Government to remove problem of water scarcity;

(b) whether there are any special schemes for North Eastern States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated to the State of Assam under various schemes during the last three years, schemewise and the heads under which the said funds have been utilised; and

(d) whether non-Governmental organizations are also working in the schemes run by the Government and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (d) Water being a State subject, steps to remove problem of water scarcity are primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to them through various schemes and programmes.

Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) - a campaign for water conservation and water security. In the campaign, officers, groundwater experts and scientists from the Government of India are working together with State and district officials in India's most water-stressed districts for water conservation and water resource management.

There are no special water scarcity schemes for the North Eastern States. But the Jal Shakti Abhiyan has included one District from each of the eight North Eastern States.

Following funds have been released to Government of Assam in last two years:-

	Funds released (Rs. In crores)	
Schemes	2017-18	2018-19
Flood Management Programmes (FMP)	245.49427	142.1182
Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI)	375.77	428.34