

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3925
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ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the World Bank has approved Rs.6,000 crore for Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) to implement in overexploited and water stressed areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the project;
- (c) whether the Government has identified Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for the ABY and the other States including Telangana, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of criteria and parameters adopted in identifying the States; and
- (e) the reasons for non-inclusion of the State of Telangana in the project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (e) The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a Rs.6000 Crore Central Sector Scheme, for sustainable management of ground water resources with community participation. The funding pattern is 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank.

The scheme envisages active participation of the communities in various activities such as formation of Water User Associations, monitoring and disseminating ground water data, water budgeting, preparation and implementation of Gram-Panchayat wise water security plans and Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities related to sustainable ground water management.

The identified over-exploited and water stressed areas for the implementation of the scheme fall in the States of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The States have been selected according to a number of criteria, including degree of groundwater exploitation and degradation, established legal and regulatory instruments, institutional readiness, and experience in implementing initiatives related to groundwater management.