

Allocation of Indus Water to Gujarat

1381. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI:

SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kutch region of Gujarat is a part of Sindhu basin;
- (b) whether the Central Government has received any representation from the Gujarat Government regarding allocation of Indus water to the State; and
- (c) if so, the progress achieved by the Central Government with regard to the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A letter dated 07.02.08 from the Hon'ble Minister of Water Supply, Water Resources, Urban Development and Urban Housing, Government of Gujarat addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Water Resources, requested for allocation of Indus water (*i.e.* Ravi-Beas-Sutlej water) to Kutch region of Gujarat.

(c) The State Government of Gujarat has been informed that its request is dependent on the resolution of several water issues among the present beneficiary States of the Eastern Rivers of Indus basin most of which are already before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, as well as the beneficiary states being in a position to spare water.

Mapping of flood prone areas

†1382. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to draw a map of flood prone areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any help from the Department of Space in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which such mapping would be helpful in saving from the flood?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During XII Plan, the Ministry of Water Resources has proposed preparation of Digital Elevation Maps (DEMs) in about 2 lakh sq. km. of flood affected areas in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

(c) to (e) In addition to other survey data, the satellite imagery data of Department of Space is proposed to be utilized in preparation of Digital Elevation Maps.

The Digital Elevation Maps have the objective of providing inundation forecasts about specific areas likely to be submerged/inundated due to a particular flood. The activity aims at enhancing capabilities of the concerned State Governments in better decision making about evacuation of people from areas that are likely to be affected by floods to safer locations.

Rainwater harvesting

1383. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has received normal to sufficient rains in May, June and July, 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in millimeters;
- (c) how much rainwater has been conserved and how much quantity has been left off into the sea;
- (d) whether Government has thought of conserving rainwater where ever excess rainfall has been received; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) The country has received normal to excess rain in May, June and July 2013.

(b) The details of rain received in millimeters during May, June and July, 2013 are as below:-