

Progress of monsoon and area coverage etc. is monitored weekly through Weather Watch Group meetings as well as video conferencing, advising the States to take steps according to the prevailing situation. District Agriculture Contingency Plans for 648 districts have been prepared by Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture (CRIDA) to mitigate the situation in drought affected areas.

Piped water to all cities

1023. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has warned that 21 Indian cities will run out of groundwater by 2020 and 70 per cent of water bodies are contaminated, if so, the details thereof;

(b) details of the steps taken by Government and the steps it intends to take to deal with this national crisis; and

(c) status of the „Piped Water for all by 2024“ project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has published „Composite Water Management Index (CWMI)“ in June 2018. The report has indicated that by 2020, 21 major cities are expected to reach zero groundwater levels, affecting access for 100 million people. The report also stated that 70 % of water supply is contaminated.

(b) The details of steps taken are

- In order to sustain the drinking water sources, artificial recharge of groundwater and rain water harvesting are being implemented under various Schemes of Government of India *i.e.* Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD&WM) Programme etc.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti has been created in Government of India, with an aim of integrated water resources management under one umbrella so that the issues relating to water are dealt with in a holistic manner.
- An advisory has been issued by this Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation on 20th May 2019 to States on water conservation and to meet the drinking water requirements of rural areas on priority, during scarcity.

- A meeting of the State Ministers of Water Resources and Water Supply was held on 11th June 2019 chaired by the Minister of Jal Shakti in which comprehensive review of the activities taken up by the States for addressing the concerns arising out of the current situation were reviewed.
 - The Hon'ble PM has personally addressed a letters to all sarpanches in the country motivating them to take up water conservation activities like de-silting and cleaning of water bodies, rain water harvesting etc with people participation.
- (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Financial assistance for flood control project in West Bengal

1024. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Kaliaghai-Kapaleswari-Baghai river excavation and Flood Control Project for which the Central Government has given financial assistance of ₹650 crore to West Bengal in financial year 2010-11 in the cost sharing ratio of 75:25;
- (b) the amount of funds spent on it till date; and
- (c) the amount of funds given by the Central Government and how much money has been given by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) The estimated cost of Kaliaghai-Kapaleshwari-Baghai scheme is ₹650.38 crore. The techno-economic clearance for this scheme was accorded by Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) on 19.01.2010. The scheme was accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Project of Ministry of Water Resources in its 102nd meeting on 23.01.2010. The Planning Commission accorded investment clearance to the scheme in March, 2010. However, the Empowered Committee of MoWR, RD & GR on Flood Management Programme (FMP) in its 6th meeting dated 12.7.2010 had approved the inclusion of its 1st Phase of the scheme for the estimated cost of ₹325.20 crore only for works to be executed by State Government during XI Plan. The funding pattern of the project is 50%: 50% (Central Share: State Share) as per Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance letter dated 28.10.2015.

State Government of West Bengal has informed that out of 140.99 Km of major river excavation (river Kaliaghai-Kapleshwari-Baghai, Deuli and Chandia) 139.00 Km has been completed till May, 2019. The embankment on both sides of the aforesaid river stretches