

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:65
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2003
REDUCTION IN BUDGETARY ALLOCATION
RAMJI LAL SUMAN;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether expenditure on irrigation, flood control, rain water harvesting and water reforms which was 7.30% of the total budgetary allocations in 1997-98 has been reduced to 5.55% during 2002-03 in the States;
- (b) if not, the factual position in this regard;
- (c) whether due to said reduction the problem of water has become acute in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Water is a State subject, and expenses on all types of irrigation and flood control schemes are met by the States from their own State Plan allocations. Expenditure in irrigation and flood control sector during 1997-98 was 16.82% of the total State Plan allocation whereas, the revised approved outlay for irrigation and flood control sector during 2002-03 was 16.23%. Thus there is no significant reduction in expenditure in State Plan on irrigation and flood control in 2002-03 as compared to 1997-98.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.