WRD OFFICIALS INFORM CM THERE IS NO WATER SHORTAGE IN THE STATE

Panaji, December 05, 2019

At a meeting held with the Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant in Panaji, today, the Chief Engineer, Water Resource Department (WRD), Shri Shrikant Patil, and other officials informed the Chief Minister that there was no shortage of water in the State.

The officials informed Dr Sawant that currently, the water from Tillari Canal from Maharashtra has been stopped because of landslides due to the recent rains in August and September and that the cleaning of the landslide work has been undertaken up by Government of Maharashtra and are likely to be completed by the second week of December. They further informed that this work is being monitored by Executive Engineers of Goa in-charge of the canal on a daily basis and project authorities in Maharashtra have assured that they will release the required quantity of water for irrigation and drinking water purpose in Goa by the second week of December.

The WRD officials further stated that the Tillari Dam is full to its capacity indicating that they was no shortage of water. Shri Patil informed that because of the work of clearing the landslide in the canal in Maharashtra, as a temporary arrangement, the Goa authorities are pumping water from Sal Bandhara and bringing to Amthane Dam which in turns supplies water to the Assonora Water Treatment Plant. The officials further informed that the Amthane Dam has got a minimum of 20 days stock of water and there is no shortage of water in Goa.

The Tillari Irrigation Project is a joint venture of the Governments of Goa and Maharashtra. The canal network begins in Maharashtra and enters Goa at Dodamarg. The Tillari Irrigation Project supplies water to the Assonora
Water Treatment Plant directly from the canal and the water from here is supplied to Bardez taluka.

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