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Dear

Please recall my telephonic discussion with you to-day regarding location of large dams close to the critical and over-exploited blocks of the country. There are 839 over-exploited and 226 critical blocks in the country mostly spreading over the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana, as reported by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) in 2009. List of these blocks is available on CGWB website. Similarly the list of large dams are also available with Central Water Commission. Now it is required at our level to locate suitable large dams close to these blocks so that surface based drinking water schemes can be planned. This information is immediately required in the Ministry to take up surface based piped water supply schemes under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) of the Ministry in such areas where ground-water is already under stress.

In this context it is suggested that you may integrate the GIS layers on big tanks and large dams and super impose layers of CGWB (over-exploited critical blocks) so that complete data on pdf format and RDBMS data is made available to this Ministry. This may kindly be treated as most urgent.

Wim- Regard,

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