

MPS MUST UNITE TO FIGHT DROUGHT: SPEAKER

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Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan today inaugurated a two-day workshop on the theme of drought and agrarian issues and called upon parliamentarians to unite to fight the drought-like situation being faced by several parts of the country. As many as 89 Members of Parliament attended the workshop.

Sharing her experiences of work in her constituency (Indore), Ms Mahajan said diminishing water resources and other related factors pose formidable challenges before policymakers. Access to safe water for drinking, irrigation and other purposes is a matter of daily survival for a large population. She urged the MPs to devise credible strategies to manage and preserve water resources.

Ms Mahajan outlined the desirability of interlinking of rivers and said all stakeholders have the responsibility to work together to ensure judicious use of water. Regulation of water, recharging systems of water and minimising use of water are some of the focal areas which need to be prioritised by all concerned, she said.

The workshop is being held on three inter-linked subjects: drought and related agrarian issues; drinking water management - problems and issues; and interlinking of rivers for water management.