

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1534
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER

1534. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fund allocated for provision of safe drinking water in Arsenic affected areas of the country under budget 2021-22, State-wise, scheme-wise; and
- (b) the details of number of households which have been provided safe drinking water in Arsenic affected areas during last three years till date, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

- (a) For the year 2021-22, Rs. 50,011 Crore as Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) has been provided for the Jal Jeevan Mission, *inter alia* which includes for making provision of potable drinking water in Arsenic contaminated habitations. While allocating the funds to States/ UTs in a particular financial year, 10% weightage is given to the population residing in habitations affected by chemical contaminants including heavy metals, as on 31st March of the preceding financial year. Thus, allocation of fund among States/ UTs including Arsenic-affected States is made in the beginning of the financial year after budget is approved.
- (b) Arsenic contamination in drinking water sources are monitored on habitation-wise. Year-wise number of habitations, wherein provision of safe water has been made, during last three years and so far in the current year, is annexed.

Annex referred in the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1534 due for reply on 08.03.2021

State-wise details of Arsenic-affected habitations provided with safe drinking water

S. No.	Name of State	Numbers of Arsenic affected habitations wherein provision of safe water was made in			
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	* 2020-21
1.	Assam	122	135	377	1,984
2.	Bihar	12	9	4	381
3.	Jharkhand	1	0	3	2
4.	Karnataka	1	1	0	0
5.	Punjab	82	48	13	31
6.	Uttar Pradesh	8	71	58	164
7.	West Bengal	1,437	1,586	4,530	287
Total		1,663	1,850	4,985	2,849

* As on 04.03.2021