

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

Availability of Water

†1092. SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working on any scheme with the target to make available water to cater to the drinking, cooking and other domestic needs and also for the livestock to every villager in the events of floods, droughts and such other situations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any time limit has been prescribed to achieve hundred percent target under this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI S S AHLUWALIA)

a)& (b) Rural drinking water supply is a state subject. For improving the coverage of safe drinking water to rural population, this Ministry supplements the efforts of the states by providing them with technical & financial assistance through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). However, it is the State Governments who plan, design, execute and operate schemes for providing safe drinking water. The Ministry has directed all the State to provide at least 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) safe drinking water for various domestic requirements like drinking, cooking etc. However, the States may provide higher coverage for other uses like cattle depending on the availability of resources.

Moreover, in the events of Natural Calamities like Drought, Flood etc. this Ministry issues advisory to the affected States / UTs for providing safe drinking water for various domestic needs. States / UTs may utilize Flexi Funds up to 25% of the release in such situations.

Under NRDWP, the Ministry had released Rs. 5931.90 crore in 2016-17 to the states. The allocation to this Ministry for 2017-18 is Rs. 6050 Crore, out of which Rs. 2939.89 Crore has already been released to various states as on 15.12.2017.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam. This Ministry has prepared a Strategic Plan for the rural drinking water sector for the period 2011-2022 for providing the piped water supply in the rural areas. As per this, by 2022, the goal is to ensure that at least 90% of rural households are provided with piped water supply, at least 80% of rural households have piped water supply with a household connection; less than 10% use public taps and less than 10% use hand pumps or other safe and adequate private water sources.