

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1702**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017**

**Drinking Water Problem in Kerala**

**1702. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:**

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

- (a) the details of the top five districts in Kerala suffering from drinking water problem;
- (b) the measures taken by the Union Government to overcome this problem; and
- (c) the number of villages and blocks in the State with 100 per cent sanitation facilities, district-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), coverage of rural drinking water supply is maintained in terms of Fully Covered habitations (i.e. getting more than 40 litres per capita per day safe drinking water), Partially Covered habitations (i.e. getting less than 40 litre per capita per day safe drinking water) and Quality Affected habitations (i.e. containing chemical contaminant). As per information reported by State Government of Kerala on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry, details of the top five districts in Kerala having lowest percentage of Fully Covered habitations are as under:

Districts	% of Fully Covered habitations in the District
Kasaragod	2.71
Kozhikode	7.90
Wayanad	8.68
Kollam	9.69
Kottayam	10.39

(b) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to the States to supplement their efforts to provide clean drinking water in the rural areas. This Ministry has directed States including State Government of Kerala to focus on completing the schemes which are at advanced stage of completion. The states have been further asked to go for Pipes Water Supply Schemes only. While doing so, this Ministry has directed that priority is to be accorded to the schemes meant for Arsenic / Fluoride affected habitation and Open Defecation Free (ODF) villages. The state has also been advised to pool more funds from the state finance department for drinking water supply sector out of enhanced devolution of funds from 32% to 42 % under 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

(c) **SBM (G):** Kerala has already been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF). District-wise, number of villages and blocks in Kerala with 100 percent sanitation facilities is at **Annexure**.

Statement referred in part (c) of the reply to Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.1702 due for reply on 28-12-2017

**District-wise, number of villages and blocks in Kerala with 100 percent sanitation facilities**

S.N.	District	Villages with 100% Coverage	Blocks with 100% Coverage
1	ALAPPUZHA	96	12
2	ERNAKULAM	144	14
3	IDUKKI	133	8
4	KANNUR	117	11
5	KASARGOD	120	6
6	KOLLAM	97	11
7	KOTTAYAM	502	11
8	KOZHIKODE	104	12
9	MALAPPURAM	128	15
10	PALAKKAD	157	13
11	PATHANAMTHITTA	87	8
12	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	106	11
13	THRISSUR	180	16
14	WAYANAD	56	4
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