

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1050
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018

Availability of Drinking Water

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

- (a) whether there are several households in the country who do not have access to any source of drinking water within the vicinity of one kilometer area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for providing safe drinking water to each and every household?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Rural drinking water supply is a state subject. This Ministry maintains information of coverage of drinking water in terms of rural habitations and not in terms of households. As per the Census 2011, 22.1% of the rural households have to fetch drinking water from a distance of more than 500 meters in rural areas.

Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides technical & financial assistance to states to improve the coverage of safe drinking water in rural areas. The responsibility of implementation & execution of various water supply schemes under the programme lies with the State. As per the information furnished by the State on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry, 77.50% of total rural habitations is getting more than 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) safe drinking water, 18.31 % of total rural habitations is being provided less than the norm of 40 lpcd and 4.19 % of rural habitations do not have access to safe drinking water. Thus about 22.50 % of rural population is facing scarcity of drinking water. The state-wise details of coverage of rural habitations as on 04.02.2018 are at Annexure.

(c) As a long term solution, this Ministry has directed the States to cover the rural households with Piped Water Supply with sustainable safe source. To achieve this, the States have been advised to pool more funds from State plan in view of the enhanced devolution of funds under the 14th Finance Commission and to arrange external assistance or loan from lending institutions over and above the funding from the Ministry under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Moreover, The Ministry has chalked out a strategic goal 2017-2030, wherein the Ministry aims to achieve 'HarGhar Jal' by 2030 i.e. providing safe & adequate drinking water to each rural household through coordinated efforts of the State Governments. The goal is to provide coverage of rural population with pipe water supply and household connection ultimately by 2030 to honour the commitment made by the country in the international forum while agreeing for UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-2030. Further, the Ministry has restructured National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP) to make it competitive, outcome based and result oriented which will help in attaining the ultimate goal.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No- 1050 due for reply on 08.02.2018

S.No.	State	No of Fully Covered Habitations (i.e. Getting more than 40 lpcd safe drinking water)	No of Partially Covered Habitations (i.e. Getting less than 40 lpcd safe drinking water)	No of Quality Affected Habitations (i.e. Containing at least one contaminant)
1	ANDAMAN and NICOBAR	324	76	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	33328	14617	418
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2922	4629	31
4	ASSAM	52833	24243	11023
5	BIHAR	67395	38627	4212
6	CHATTISGARH	70490	3025	1170
7	GOA	345	2	0
8	GUJARAT	36065	1	0
9	HARYANA	7605	215	128
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	42827	10777	0
11	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	9002	6940	16
12	JHARKHAND	116970	898	2896
13	KARNATAKA	24267	34931	1050
14	KERALA	4943	16247	361
15	MADHYA PRADESH	127795	79	187
16	MAHARASHTRA	87132	12320	280
17	MANIPUR	2227	1561	0
18	MEGHALAYA	1758	8685	32
19	MIZORAM	470	268	0
20	NAGALAND	680	742	30
21	ODISHA	139027	15706	3040
22	PUDUCHERRY	153	113	0
23	PUNJAB	10057	1754	3573
24	RAJASTHAN	56503	45355	19790
25	SIKKIM	750	1334	0
26	TAMIL NADU	93555	6452	197
27	TELANGANA	13821	9501	1240
28	TRIPURA	4580	1601	2542
29	UTTAR PRADESH	256303	2345	1379
30	UTTARAKHAND	22272	17072	16
31	WEST BENGAL	51239	35947	18719
Total		1337638	316063	72330
Percentage		77.5	18.31	4.19

(source: format C-17)