

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

Accessibility to Safe Drinking Water

2116. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the country has more people in rural areas living without access to safe drinking water than any other country according to a national/international agency and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the urban-rural disparity in terms of sanitation and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this disparity has large State-wise variation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, Statewise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per the report published by WaterAid, a leading Non Profitable Organization, based in London, UK regarding access to safe drinking water, about 63.4 million people living in rural areas are without access to clean water than any other country in the world. However, as per information entered by States on Integrated Management Information System, 4.14 % of rural habitations (i.e. 48.17 million rural populations) are Quality Affected (i.e. containing at least one chemical contaminant like Iron, Arsenic, Fluoride etc.)
- (b) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM (G)) has been launched on 2nd October, 2014, which aims at attaining Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019. The focus of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is on behavior change and usage of toilets. The programme provides flexibility to the States in the implementation. There is a greater emphasis on capacity building, especially in community approaches and programme management. The programme is being run as a *janandolan* with cooperation of all sections of the society including the NGOs, Corporate, youth etc. The Panchayats are being actively involved.
- (c) to (d) State/UT-wise Sanitation Coverage in Rural and Urban areas of the Country as per Census 2011 is at Annexure-1.

Annexure-1.

Statement referred in part (c) and (d) of the reply to Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.2116 due for reply on 08-03-2018

State/UT-wise Sanitation Coverage in Rural and Urban areas as per Census 2011		
State/UT	Sanitation Coverage(Rural)	Sanitation Coverage(Urban)
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	61.08	92.23
ANDHRA PRADESH	34.88	88.09
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	55.75	93.27
ASSAM	61.54	95.01
BIHAR	18.61	71.12
CHANDIGARH	94.31	96.85
CHHATTISGARH	14.85	65.56
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	29.28	88.89
DAMAN & DIU	65.80	95.89
GOA	72.60	90.49
GUJARAT	34.24	91.26
HARYANA	57.71	91.22
HIMACHAL PRADESH	67.45	93.12
JAMMU & KASHMIR	41.71	89.26
JHARKHAND	8.33	69.01
KARNATAKA	31.89	89.28
KERALA	94.41	98.33
LAKSHADWEEP	98.34	98.13
MADHYA PRADESH	13.58	77.52
MAHARASHTRA	44.20	92.31
MANIPUR	87.73	97.65
MEGHALAYA	56.94	97.60
MIZORAM	87.10	99.12
NAGALAND	77.69	97.78
NCT OF DELHI	86.50	96.97
ODISHA	15.32	66.83
PUDUCHERRY	40.41	87.83
PUNJAB	71.89	94.20
RAJASTHAN	20.13	83.33
SIKKIM	85.14	97.81
TAMIL NADU	26.73	83.79
TRIPURA	84.59	98.73
UTTAR PRADESH	22.87	85.18
UTTARAKHAND	54.96	95.28
WEST BENGAL	48.70	88.75
INDIA	32.67	87.37