

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3300
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018

National Rural Drinking Water Programme

3300. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) the percentage of partially covered and quality affected habitations covered successfully under the National Rural Drinking Water programme in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) the target set and the achievements made under the sub-programme National Water Quality Sub Mission since its launching in February 2017;
- (c) the rationale behind reducing the budgetary allocation to the National Rural Drinking Water Programme from Rs. 7050 crore in Revised Estimate 2017-18 to Rs. 7000 crore in Budget Estimate of 2018-19; and
- (d) whether the expenditure on ground water recharge structures and the number of habitations taken up under the said scheme have been reduced during the recent years and if so, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) As reported by State Government of West Bengal on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), Out of 36,497 partially covered habitations, 658 Nos. (i.e. 7%) have been covered during 2017-18 till date. Out of 19,310 quality affected habitations, 1353 Nos. (i.e. 1.8%) have been covered during 2017-18 till date.
- (b) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation had launched National Water Quality Sub-Mission on 22nd March, 2017 under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to provide safe drinking water to about 28000 Arsenic / Fluoride affected habitation. 1880 affected habitations have been covered as on 12.03.2018.
- (c) During 2017-18, the Budget Estimates (BE) was Rs. 6050 Crore and subsequently increased at the Revised Estimates (RE) stage to Rs. 7050 Crore. During 2018-19, the

Budget Estimates has been provided for Rs. 7,000 crore in the BE stage. Hence, keeping in view of BE stage, there is an increase of Rs. 1000 crore in 2018-19 as compared to 2017-18.

- (d) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject. The primary concern of the Ministry is to assist the States financially and technically for strengthening rural water supply in the State. However, as there is urgent need to focus more on piped water supply in rural areas, the Government has restructured NRDWP w.e.f. 10.11.2017 to make it more competitive, outcome based and result oriented. In the restructured NRDWP, Most of the funds will be used mainly for creation of piped water supply schemes. The funds for conservation of water can be dovetailed from programmes of Government like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Krishi SinchaiYojana (PMKSY)/ Repair Renovation and Restoration (RRR).