

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3364
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018**

Objectives of Swajal Project

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

- (a) the salient features and intended objectives of 'Swajal' Project and the funds intended to be disbursed thereunder State-wise including West Bengal;
- (b) Whether the Project is proposed to be implemented through public private participation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including concerns previously raised regarding ownership of water resources?

ANSWER

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

(a). Salient features of the Swajal Project are:

- Community led – community centred programme
- Rural communities shall plan, design, construct, operate and maintain their water supply and sanitation schemes.
- The project is to be implemented through convergence with other programmes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY), Repair Renovation & Restoration (RRR) etc.

The project is aimed at providing sustainable and adequate drinking water in an integrated manner to the rural masses to help them to attain health and hygiene benefits. The project is being implemented on pilot basis at Gram Panchayat level in six states viz. Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and there is no separating funding mechanism. The funds for implementing the Swajal Pilot Project will be provided under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and shall be shared among Government of India, State Government, Gram Panchayat and village households in the ratio 81:9:5:5 in Himalayan States and North east States and in the ratio of 45:45:5:5 in other states.

(b) & (c) The project shall be implemented by State Governments in partnership with Gram Panchayats and rural communities who shall plan, design, construct, operate and maintain their water supply schemes.

