GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

Hand Pumps

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:
(a) whether a large number of handpumps installed through public fund toprovide potable water in rural area are in adamaged and non-functional condition, ifso, the details thereof and the reasonstherefor;
(b) whether the Governmentproposes to formulate any scheme forproviding assistance to repair the non-functionalhand-pumps and to install newhand-pumps in rural areas and if so, thedetails thereof;
(c) whether the Government has fixedany time frame for this purpose and if so,the details thereof;
(d) whether States have beenencouraged to go for piped water schemesbased on surface water sources and toavoid installation of hand-pumps;and
(e) if so, the response and the actiontaken by the State Governmentsthereon?

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

(a) As per data entered by the States on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry, there are 2,59,646non-functional handpumps in the States. Specific reasons for non-functionality of hand pumps is not maintained by the Ministry.

(b) to (c) Repair of non-functional handpumpscan be carried out by the State Governments from their own resources / funds arranged by Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) as the subject matter is a state subject. However, under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), a centrally sponsored scheme, hand pump or its repair is allowed only under 2% funds earmarked for Japanese Encephalitis (JE) / Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) affected districts.

(d) Yes Sir.
(e) The responses of the State Governments arepositive as this is only a long term solution. They are moving towards this.