

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 40
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

Revival of Natural Springs

***40. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:**

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

- a) the steps taken by the Government to revive and maintain natural springs across the country in order to ensure water security and access to safe drinking water;
- (b) whether the Government has considered replicating the successful Dhara Vikas model of spring-shed development in Sikkim and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government seeks to finance the groundwater and spring mapping for the implementation of spring-shed development programme across the country, especially in the North-Eastern Region?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 40 due for reply on 19.07.2018

- (a) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation assists the States technically and financially through Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for providing safe drinking water to rural population. The implementing agency under the State Government may take necessary steps for strengthening of sources including natural springs.
- (b) & (c) State Governments have the flexibility of taking necessary steps for strengthening of sources including natural springs while constructing / maintaining rural water supply schemes. As provisioning of Drinking Water Supply is a State subject, specific schemes may be undertaken by the States.