

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1415
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018**

Targets under Drinking Water Schemes

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

- (a) the total number of people targeted to be provided safe drinking water by the year 2022;
- (b) whether any research work has been undertaken on a new technology to turn polluted water into safe drinking water in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the organisations engaged in promoting such research in the country; and
- (e) the mechanism put in place by the Government for transfer of latest technology for the purpose?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a) Rural Water Supply is a State subject. However, this Ministry supplements the efforts of the State Governments for improving coverage of rural drinking water supply by providing technical & financial assistance through Central Sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) as well as support States in seeking external assistance so as to help them make a comprehensive plan to provide safe drinking water to all. Further, improving the coverage is a continuous and dynamic process. As such, the coverage and targets are varying widely amongst the states across the country.

(b) to (d) Detailed policy guidelines for Research & Development (R&D) for rural water supply and sanitation are mentioned under the NRDWP guidelines. Seven priority areas have been identified for taking up R&D and includes technology for enhancement of water quality in rural areas. Under NRDWP, funds are provided to premier R & D Institutions, Universities, Colleges, Autonomous organizations etc. Details of the same will be compiled and submitted.

(e) The findings of R&D are kept in the public domain in order to enable the States/UTs for adoption considering requirement and viability of technology in that particular state.
