GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1508 ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018

FIXING OF LEAKING TAPS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to fix leaking taps in public facilities for conserving water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to monitor loss of water due to poor plumbing in

Government as well as private residential areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (d) Water being a State subject, framing of policy regarding fixing of leaking taps in public facilities for conserving water falls under the purview of State Governments; hence, no such information is available at the central level.

As per information received from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Ministry has launched "Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)" under which the States/UTs have been empowered to select, appraise, approve and implement individual projects for universal coverage of water supply in selected cities. The Government of India only approves State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) and releases Central Assistance as per Mission guidelines.

Also, as informed by Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, the Ministry supplements the efforts of the States by providing them with technical and financial assistance through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). It is the State Governments who plan, design, approve, execute and operate & maintain the schemes. Under NRDWP, the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of drinking water supply schemes is to be taken up by States themselves.

Further, Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR regularly takes up Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities for awareness creation among stakeholders on the importance of water conservation.