

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3782
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

Villages under NRDWP

3782. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) the number of villages covered under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) since its implementation; and
- (b) the manner in which the issue of groundwater contamination is being addressed under NRDWP?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), coverage of rural drinking supply is maintained in terms of habitation and not in terms of villages. As reported by States on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), out of 17,19,284 rural habitations in the country, 13,67,412 habitations are Fully Covered (i.e. getting at least 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) safe drinking water), 2,89,290 habitations are Partially Covered (i.e. getting less than 40 lpcd safe drinking water) and 62,582 habitations are Quality Affected (i.e. containing chemical contaminant).

(b) As such addressing contamination of ground water is not the mandate of this Ministry. However, under NRDWP, State Governments undertake various drinking water supply schemes to provide contamination free water to rural population which inter-alia includes treatment of suitable nature.