

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1744
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018

Safe Drinking Water

1744. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

- (a) the details of measures taken to improve access to safe drinking water in rural areas; and
- (b) the measures/projects taken to improve poor quality underground water in rural areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) Although water is State subject, this Ministry supplement the efforts of State Governments to improve its coverage through technical and financial assistance under Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Rural Drinking Water Program (NRDWP). In 2017-2018, Rs.6968.15 crore had been released and in 2018-2019 (till 17th December, 2018), Rs. 4246.78 crore has been released to the States. Further, the Ministry has restructured NRDWP to make it competitive, outcome based and result oriented which will help in attaining the ultimate goal. The Ministry had also launched the National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) on 22nd March 2017 under NRDWP to provide safe drinking water to about 28,000 arsenic / fluoride affected habitations over a span of 4 years. The implementing agencies in the State Government treat the underground water wherever required before supplying it.