

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3875
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/01/2019**

Water Catchment and Ground Water Capacities

3875. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for enhancing the water catchment capacity as well as increasing the ground water capacity in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's allocation in the last four years; and
- (c) whether the Government has provided adequate establishment of new Reverse Osmosis (RO) drinking water plants in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

- (a) & (b): Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to States for coverage of rural drinking water supply. Under NRDWP, there is no provision for funds for enhancing the water catchment capacity as well as increasing the ground water capacity.
- (c) : Funds provided under NRDWP can be utilized for tackling water quality issues. Rural water supply being a state subject, the States may take necessary efforts including setting up of Reverse Osmosis (RO) drinking water plants using NRDWP funds.
