

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.599
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

Failure to Meet Targets under NRDWP

599. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

(a) whether the Government are seized of the audit report from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India that the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) despite spending 90 per cent of Rs. 89,956 crore of budgetary allocations over five years up to 2017, has failed to achieve its intended targets and objectives, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Rural Drinking Water Programme with an objective of providing 35 per cent of rural households with water connections and 40 litre of water per person per day is yet to be achieved;

(c) if yes, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct an enquiry into the inefficiencies reported and reassess the contract management component of the programme; and

(e) if yes, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Rural drinking water supply is a state subject and this Ministry provides assistance to State government for improving the coverage of safe drinking water in rural areas.

The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Performance audit of NRDWP was shared with the states on 21st August 2018, and the states were asked to take necessary corrective and preventive action on the points raised in the report and submit an action taken report to MDWS. Further, a reminder was sent to states on 8th November 2018 for the same. MDWS is continuously following up with states on this subject.

(b) & (c) Taking individual household connections is demand based under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). State Governments are however empowered to provide household connections using funds provided under 14th Finance Commission as well as from funds provided directly to rural local bodies. As

reported by the States till 10.12.2018 in website of the Ministry, 54.10% rural population are covered with piped water supply through Public Stand Post and out of which 17.88% rural household has been provided with household connection.

(d) & (e) Rural Water Supply is a State subject. However, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) assists State Government for improving the coverage of safe drinking water in rural areas by providing financial & technical assistance through National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). State Governments are responsible of planning, designing and execution of drinking water supply schemes as well as management of all contracts / schemes. However, to improve the implementation of NRDWP, Ministry has restructured it in November 2017 by making it competitive, result oriented and outcome based.