

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.795
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019

Details Regarding Swajal Project

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched or proposes to launch six pilot projects for clean drinking water supply in villages under 'Swajal Project';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and names of the States selected for launching of pilot projects;
- (c) whether NITI Aayog has identified some districts for implementation of clean drinking water supply in villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these projects for clean drinking water supply in villages will be launched in all States;
- (e) the percentage of funds proposed to be provided by the Union Government; and
- (f) whether projects of clean drinking water supply in villages will improve ground water level, if so, how?

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

(a) and (b). The Government launched six pilot projects under Swajal in the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand for providing piped water supply.

(c) NITI Aayog identified aspirational districts in all States (excluding Goa) and Swajal programme was extended to these aspirational districts for providing piped water supply.

(d) and (e) Swajal has been conceived as a community demand driven, single village, preferably solar powered piped water supply scheme. The funding pattern of the scheme is 81:09:10 (Centre:State:Gram Panchayat) for Himalayan and Hilly States and 45:45:10 (Centre:State:Gram Panchayat) for other States. The funding is under the "Flexi-fund" of National Rural Drinking Water Programme and States can access 5% of funds both Central and State share put together. Individual Swajal schemes are to be completed between six months to one year.

(f) The programme guidelines have provision to construct a mandatory recharge structure for source sustainability. It further advocates convergence approach at GP level to integrate various Rural Development Programmes like Integrated Watershed Management programme, MGNREGA, Atal BhujalYojana and that of State's own schemes. Both the above would inter-alia improve groundwater level.