

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

Demand-Supply Gap of Water

2211. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand of pure and safe drinking water does not meet the supply of estimated demand in the country;
- (b) if so, the demand and supply of drinking water, State/season-wise;
- (c) action taken by the Government to fill up the demand-supply gap and its present status thereof; and
- (d) the action proposed to supply pure and safe water to the people of the country and the action plan in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

- (a) & (b) Water is a State subject. The Ministry of Jal Shakti does not maintain the data on demand and supply of Drinking Water. However, under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) the current norm for providing safe drinking water supply to the rural population is 40 liters per capita per day.
- (c) & (d) The State Governments are mandated to plan design fund and implement the water supply schemes to meet the demand for drinking water. Ministry of Jal Shakti supplements the efforts of States for providing water supply in rural areas. Under NRDWP, the Ministry provides technical and financial assistance to the States for improving the coverage of providing safe drinking water in rural areas.