

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2976
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019**

Converting Sea Water into Potable Water

2976. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to convert sea water into potable water by setting up of plants in Rameswaram to solve water crisis in Tamil Nadu; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) Drinking water supply is a State subject. For improving the coverage of safe drinking water to rural population, this Ministry supplements the efforts of the States by providing them with technical and financial assistance through the centrally sponsored scheme National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). It is the State Governments who plan, design, approve, execute, operate & maintain the schemes for providing safe drinking water to rural population. States can utilize NRDWP coverage funds for providing safe drinking water to needy rural habitations.

The Ministry is not in receipt of any proposal for converting sea water into potable water by establishing desalination plant in Rameswaram from the Government of Tamil Nadu.
