

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019**

Accessibility of Drinking Water

4161. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to achieve the targets of making drinking water accessible for all in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the budget allocated to solve drinking water problem in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu?

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

(a) to (c) Water is a state subject. Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti provides technical and financial assistance to States for improving the coverage of drinking water in rural areas. Further, as announced in the Union Budget Speech 2019-20, it has been envisaged to ensure piped water supply to all rural households by 2024 under the Jal Jeevan Mission. This Programme, under the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, will focus on integrated demand and supply side management of water at the local level, including creation of local infrastructure for source sustainability like rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household wastewater for reuse in agriculture.

During 2018-19, an amount of Rs. 5500 crore (RE) was allocated to DDWS. Out of this, Rs. 167.31 crore was released to the State of Tamil Nadu under National Rural Drinking Water Programme.
