

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1702
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019**

Drinking Water Projects in Chhattisgarh

†1702. **SHRI ARUN SAO:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of projects pending with the Government regarding the supply of safe drinking water in backward States of the country including Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the time by which these projects are likely to be approved by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government has sought suggestions from the States to tackle the crisis of drinking water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

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

(a) & (b) Drinking Water being a State subject, it is States who plan, design, approve and implement drinking water supply schemes. As such individual projects for rural water supply are not approved at the Government of India level, including those of Chattisgarh State. However, as a special measure to provide potable water in habitations affected by Arsenic & Fluoride on priority, National Water Quality Sub-mission (NWQSM) was launched in 2017, wherein all proposals eligible under NWQSM guidelines have been approved.

(c)&(d) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Govt. of India has taken *inter alia* following steps to tackle water crisis in the country:

- i.) An advisory has been issued by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation to States on water conservation and to meet the drinking water requirements of rural areas on priority during scarcity.

ii.) The Government has launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), a time bound, mission mode water conservation campaign in this year which aims at making water conservation a '*Jal Andolan*' through asset creation and communication campaign.

iii.) Government of India has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development which envisages transfer of water from water surplus basins to water deficit basins to improve availability of water.
