

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1912
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.05.2016

Strategic Plan Under Drinking Water Scheme

1912. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any strategic plan for rural drinking water in the country in order to achieve the targets set under drinking water schemes at the earliest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to execute this strategic plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time period scheduled therein; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
 - (b) A Strategic Plan has been prepared by the Ministry for the rural drinking water sector for the period 2011-2022 which stresses on extending the piped water supply to more households in the rural areas. The interim goal till 2017 is to cover 50% of all rural households with piped water supply and 35% of rural households with household connections. And by 2022, the goal is to cover 90% of rural households with piped water supply and 80% of rural households with household connections.
 - (c) & (d) The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation through its Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), provides financial & technical assistance to various States / UTs for strengthening water supply in the rural areas. Under NRDWP, State Governments are competent to plan, design, approve and implement rural drinking water supply schemes.
- In view of the reduced allocation, this Ministry has advised the States to first complete the on-going schemes for coverage of quality affected habitations & partially covered habitations and undertake new schemes for coverage of arsenic & fluoride affected habitations and prioritize schemes for Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). For completing the on-going schemes, States may utilize the enhanced finance commission grants. For new schemes, States may go for assistance from external / internal lending agencies after taking debt sustainability certificate from their finance department.
- (e) Does not arise.
