

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the allocation to Punjab by RGNDWM under ARWSP during the last three years has remained less in comparison to other States;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the allocation to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAI AH NAIDU)

(a) to (c) Annual Central allocation to the States under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is made as per the allocation criteria approved by the Government of India. The ARWSP allocation to Punjab State has been higher in comparison to some other States/UTs during the last three years. The allocation to the State during the last three years has also been increasing from year to year during this period. The ARWP allocation to Punjab during the last three years and the current financial year is as under:

Year ARWSP Allocation (in Rs. lakh)

1997-98	1330.00
1998-99	1668.62
1999-2000	1720.64
2000-2001	2383.00