

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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UNICEF ASSISTANCE FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some drinking water projects are being launched in some States with the assistance of UNICEF;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) since when these projects have been launched alongwith assistance obtained for different States under those projects; and
- (d) the progress of those projects as on date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (d): Drinking water supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water facilities are implemented by the States from their own resources. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) UNICEF supports the Government of India and the State Governments in Rural Drinking Water sector. However, UNICEF role is limited generally to the software components like information, Education and Communication, Capacity Building, Human Resource Development, Logistic Support, etc. Rural drinking water schemes are not being implemented exclusively with financial support from UNICEF.