

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4258

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SWAJAL SCHEME

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to stop the states from operating the drinking water schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to launch a new drinking water scheme `Swajal`;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all the villages of the country;
- (e) whether guidelines in regard to funding, operation and monitoring of this `Swajal` scheme have been prepared; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (f) To supplement the existing water supply scheme and to scale up reforms in the country with the community participation, the Government of India has now decided to open up the initiatives in the rural drinking water supply sector throughout the country by the programme called as Swajaldhara. Swajaldhara scheme is to be launched on 25th December, 2002. It will be implemented immediately after the sanctioning of the projects. Details of the scheme and guidelines is annexed.