

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN DHANBAD
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of drinking water, in addition to scarcity of proper irrigation facilities in rural, urban and industrial area of Dhanbad district; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to tackle the problem by providing about Rs. 200 crore to be spent through various schemes for permanent solution of drinking water problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) As per the information received from Government of Jharkhand, all the rural habitations of Comprehensive Action Plan, 99 (CAP, 99) are covered with drinking water supply of stipulated level of 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd).

(b) The Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development supplements the efforts of the State Governments in providing drinking water facilities in the rural habitations by rendering financial assistance and technical support through Centrally sponsored scheme viz. Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Swajaldhara. For both these schemes, there is a criterion laid down for allocating funds to the States/Union Territories. The said criterion takes into account the rural population, geographical conditions, number of not covered / partially covered habitations and water quality situation in the States/Union Territories. As per this criterion, amount of Rs. 55.29 crore and Rs. 8.06 crore have been allocated to Government of Jharkhand under ARWSP and Swajaldhara, respectively, for the current financial year. District-wise allocations are made by the State Government. Additionally, in 1999, 141 schemes were taken up in Dhanbad under Sector Reforms Projects with Government of India share of Rs. 37.40 crore.