

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1620

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HANDPUMPS IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for installing hand pumps in the rural areas of Maharashtra under (Prime Minister) Drinking Water Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared; and
- (d) the time by which the funds are likely to be allocated?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d) : A proposal for installation of 9000 hand pumps in rural areas during 2004-05 under Prime Minister's Programme had been received from Government of Maharashtra. Keeping in view the overall targets under the Prime Minister's Programme, Government of India have considered and approved installation of 6673 hand pumps in Maharashtra during 2004-05 under the said programme. An allocation of Rs.2115.12 lakh has been made to the State for this purpose and the first instalment of Rs.1057.56 lakh has already been released.