

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to give top priority to water management system in urban areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(c): Water supply is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Govt./Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to plan and design, execute and operate and maintain water supply through State PHEDs/Urban Local Bodies with the State Plan funds. However water supply is accorded high priority under the flagship scheme of the Ministry i.e. JNNURM under which 124 projects have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 15724.57 crores. 29% of projects under the JNNURM pertain to water supply. In addition, water supply projects are also sanctioned under the UIDSSMT and 10% lumpsum scheme for development of North East Region including Sikkim. Water supply is also prioritized in the case of Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) for which this

Ministry is the line Ministry. In addition, this Ministry has also brought out the following for efficient management of water in the urban areas of the country:

1. Manual on Water supply.

2. Adoption of Service Level Benchmarks given below by Urban Local Bodies in various States so as to enable providing safe, reliable and continuous supply of water in urban areas:

S.No.	Water Supply Indicator	Benchmark
1.	Coverage of Water Supply Connection (Popln)	100%
2.	Per capita availability of Water Supply at Consumer end lpcd	135
3.	Extent of metering of Water Supply Connections	100%
4.	Extent of Non-Revenue Water	20%
5.	Continuity of Water Supplied	24X7
6.	Efficiency of redressal of Customer Complaints	80%
7.	Quality of Water Supply	100%
8.	Cost recovery of in water Supply Charges	100%

9. Efficiency in collection of Water Supply charges 90%

10. Number of persons receiving less than 70 lpcd 0

3. Issuing of advisories to different State Governments for adoption of best practices for conservation, supply and usage of water.