

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1711
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WASTAGE OF DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of available drinking water that goes waste annually in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any policy to take action against the defaulters/offenders; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

- (a): Wastage can be calculated only if the drinking water supply is metered. As the rural water supply schemes are mainly based on handpumps or standposts of piped water supply, that are not metered, no data is available on wastage.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.