

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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R & D PROJECTS FOR DRINKING WATER

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has implemented Research and Development (R&D) projects for addressing the problem of drinking water quality related to arsenic and fluoride contamination;
- (b) if so, the details of the R&D projects implemented in each State so far; and
- (c) the annual expenditure incurred thereon in each State ?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) & (c): R&D projects are sanctioned to reputed R&D institutions/ Universities located in different parts of the country to address the problems/ issues as prioritized by the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development from time to time. R&D projects are not sanctioned State-wise. To address issues relating to arsenic contamination, the first R&D project was sanctioned in 2001 and so far 13 projects have been sanctioned of which, 9 projects have been completed and 4 projects are ongoing. For these projects, Rs. 136.10 lakh have been released. To address issues relating to fluoride contamination, the first R&D project was sanctioned in the year 1994 and so far 16 projects have been sanctioned of which 14 projects have been completed and 2 are ongoing. For these projects, Rs. 95.82 lakh has been released.