

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether private companies are being engaged or proposed to be engaged in executing drinking water projects in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a proposal is also being considered by the Government to get drinking water from the sources of the rivers instead of getting it from the banks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the names of the rivers identified in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): As the Center does not implement any project directly, the question of engaging or proposing to engage private companies does not arise. However, while implementing projects for drinking water supply, the States may engage private companies for executing various components such as drilling of bores, installation of handpumps, laying of pipelines, treatment plants, pumping stations, etc.

(c): There is no such proposal under consideration in the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.