

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WATER SUPPLY IN TOWNS/CITIES

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of towns/small cities across the country where door step water supply/ drinking water supply is not available to dwellers across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu at present;
- (b) the details of proposals sent by various States/UTs to the Union Government for providing financial assistance to make door step water supply available to dwellers of their cities/towns and funds allocated and released to them during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of such projects which could not be implemented due to non-release of the funds by the Union Government for various reasons, especially for the State of Tamil Nadu and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether number of drinking water supply projects of various States are still lying pending with the Union Government for clearance;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the reaction of the Union Government for clearance of such proposals and release of funds thereunder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

- (a) : According to the 58th Round of National Sample Survey, 73.6% of urban households have access to tap water, 19.6% households have access to tubewell and hand pump and 5.1% have access to pump. However, there are 11 Nos. of towns/cities across the country which have no piped water supply (ANNEXURE-I). There is no town in Tamil Nadu, where the households do not have access to tap water. Water supply schemes in Katpar (Gujarat), Jeron Khalsa (M.P.) and Sairang (Mizoram) have been approved under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) in the year 2004 and are reported to be commissioned.
- (b) : The details of projects sent and approved in respect of AUWSP, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) & Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) components of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) as well as funds released during the last three years and the current year are enclosed at Annexure-II to IV respectively.
- (c) : 1642 projects have been approved under the three schemes. Funds are released on submission of utilization certificate and fulfillment of other pre requisites. As per available information, funds have been released for all approved projects which have met the requirement for release of funds.
- (d) to (f) : Projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds and successful technical appraisal. No project is pending with the Ministry of Urban Development for technical appraisal.