

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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STAND ALONE WATER PURIFICATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide extra budget to achieve the targets under the scheme of installation of stand-alone water purification in rural areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the target fixed in this regard including Rajasthan during the current year, State-wise;and
- (c) the amount likely to be released to States for the purpose, State -wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c):With the objective of providing safe and clean drinking water to the children studying in water deficient rural schools, Government of India had released Rs.200.00 crore during 2008-09 and 2009-10 to install stand alone water purification systems in one lakh rural schools of the various States. Since the scheme has been welcomed by the State Governments and has found good acceptability among children and teachers in schools, the various State Governments have requested for further release of funds to install stand alone water purification systems in more rural schools of their States. Accordingly, a proposal to provide an extra provision of Rs.400.00 crore during the year 2010-11, to achieve the targets under this scheme has been sent to the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The amount likely to be released to States and the targets fixed will depend upon the availability of funds, their past performance and requirement.