

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of various activities undertaken in the National Rural Drinking Water Programme;
- (b) the total funds allocated for these programmes during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the progress of these programmes, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any delay in the implementation of these programmes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Government of India through the States implements the centrally sponsored scheme National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Under this programme the States endeavour to provide adequate and safe drinking water to all the rural areas of the country. The activities undertaken under NRDWP include:

- i) Provision of drinking water in uncovered and partially covered habitations;
- ii) Tackling of water quality problems to provide potable drinking water;
- iii) Ensuring sustainability of drinking water sources and systems;
- iv) Operation and Maintenance of rural drinking water supply;
- v) Support activities like Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance; water testing labs; imparting training for capacity building of stake holders in rural water sector; Research & Development; Information, Education and Communication campaign regarding drinking water; Management Information System;
- vi) Mitigating drinking water problems in the wake of natural calamities;
- vi) Providing drinking water to rural schools and anganwadis.

(b): A statement indicating the allocation and release of funds under NRDWP during the last three years and current year is annexed.

(c): A statement indicating the target and coverage of habitations under NRDWP during the last three years and current year is annexed.

(d) & (e): The Government is not aware of any delay in the implementation of the programme under NRDWP.