

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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POTABLE WATER IN RURAL SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the schools in the rural areas are functioning without the facility of potable water resulting into harassment of students;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide facility of potable water in all the rural schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide potable water in all rural schools?

Answer

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

(a): The State-wise details of percentage of Government Schools in rural areas not having drinking water facilities as per the District Information System for Education (DISE) data2008-09, is at Annexure-I.

(b)to(d): Under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), State-wise physical and financial targets fixed for providing drinking water facilities to schools and the achievements thereon is at Annexure-II. Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), no annual targets are fixed or allocations made for schools separately, but all existing Government and aided schools in rural areas not covered under SSA are required to be provided with drinking water facilities. During 2010-11, under the NRDWP, 36160 schools in rural areas are targeted to be covered by 25141 schemes for providing potable drinking water supply. State wise information is at Annexure-III.