

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4173
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INSTALLATION OF RO SYSTEM IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provides funds for providing clean arsenic free drinking water in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the schemes and funds released during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide funds for installation of RO system in arsenic prone areas of the country including Punjab;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): Rural drinking water is a State subject. Government of India assist the State Governments technically and financially under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for providing safe drinking water in the rural areas of the country, which inter alia include arsenic affected rural areas.
- (b): The details of funds released during the last three years and the current, State- wise under NRDWP, is at Annexure-I.
- (c)to(e) : Under NRDWP, the State Governments are competent to plan, design, sanction and implement water supply schemes including installation of RO system in arsenic prone areas.