

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets set to be achieved under the Millennium Development Goal related to Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation;
- (b) the achievements so far in this regard;
- (c) whether any guidelines are being formulated for public private partnership in irrigation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the projects launched in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Target 10, set under MDG 7, seeks to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation (based on 1990 data). As per the progress reported by all the States through online monitoring system maintained by the Department, approximately 67% of Rural households have access to sanitation facilities in the rural areas as against the UN Millennium Development goal of halving the number of people without sustainable access to basic sanitation by 2015 which works out to approximately 55%.

As per Target 7C of Millennium Development Goal, the proportion of population without sustainable access to safe drinking water is to be halved by 2015. As per the UNICEF-WHO Joint Monitoring Report 2010 the proportion of rural population without sustainable access to safe drinking water in 1990 was 34%, while the percentage in 2008 was 16%. Thus the MDG goal related to rural drinking water supply has already been achieved.

(c)&(d): The feasibility of Private sector participation in Water Resources planning, development and management has been examined from time to time by various committees/working groups. Ministry of Water Resources had set up a `Group of Experts` in this regard. The recommendations made by the `Group of Experts` are being examined by the Ministry of Water Resources in consultation with the concerned Ministries/ Departments.