

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER PROJECT IN KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that the people of Kerala are facing serious problem for drinking water in rural areas including Kuttanadu, one of the wet land areas of Kerala;
- (b) if so, whether Kerala Government has submitted any projects for drinking water facilities in rural areas before the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the total amount of fund allocated/ proposed to be allocated other financial Institutions by Union Government for providing drinking water for rural areas in the Kerala State?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): To provide access to potable drinking water in rural areas, Government of India, through the States, has been implementing the Centrally Sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) {erstwhile Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)}. All schemes and projects under NRDWP are approved by the respective State level Scheme Sanctioning Committees. Projects under NRDWP are not required to be submitted to the Government of India for sanction/approval at the Central Level. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Rural Development has no funds that can be allocated to special projects/schemes. Only projects seeking external assistance are submitted to the Government of India for consideration.

Under NRDWP Government of Kerala has been allocated Rs.144.28 crore during 2010-11. Against this Rs. 68.53 crore has already been released.

As regards external assistance, Kerala has posed a second Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (Jalnidhi-II) with a proposed cost of Rs. 900 crore to the World Bank for assistance.

It is learnt that Kerala Water Authority has forwarded a concept paper and preliminary engineering report for 14 Gram Panchayats of Kuttanadu taluk - 'Integrated Water and Sanitation Project to Kuttanadu' for funding from Japan International Cooperation Agency - Overseas Development Assistance, to Government of Kerala. The Government of Kerala is yet to forward the same to Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.