

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Odisha where safe drinking water is not available as yet; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the funding for the projects being taken up under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in Odisha?

Answer

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

(a): Information on drinking water supply in rural areas is maintained in terms of habitations. In Odisha, as on 1.4.2010, there were 17,668 quality affected habitations remaining to be covered. The target fixed for 2010-11 for the State is coverage of 1721 quality affected habitations. As on 28.2.2011, as per the data provided by the State on the departmental Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), 1009 quality affected habitations have been covered.

(b): Funds under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), are released to the States based on prescribed allocation criteria. Funds are not released to the States project-wise. Projects are approved in the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committees. Under NRDWP, Odisha has been allocated Rs.204.88 crore during this year. Against this Rs.199.76 crore has already been released to the State.