

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:76  
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NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the success achieved under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether safe drinking water is still not available in most of the villages covered under the scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures being taken in this regard;
- (f) the funds released and utilised under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (g) the number of additional villages likely to be covered during the next two years under the scheme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to parts (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 76 admitted for reply on 04.08.2011

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation reviews the implementation of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) periodically by conducting national and regional review meetings and video conferences of the States with respect to rural water supply. A Conference of State Secretaries incharge of Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation was held on 1st June 2011 wherein the progress achieved under NRDWP and Total Sanitation Campaign was reviewed. In the Conference good practices adopted in various states were also shared. Senior Officers/Area Officers/Technical Officers of the Ministry visit the States to observe the progress of implementation of the programme. The review meetings and visits provide information about the implementation of the Programme and enables the Government of India and State Governments to focus on the areas where progress is lacking.

(c) A statement showing the achievement of coverage of habitations during the last three years and the current year is placed at Annexure - I.

(d) & (e) As on 1.4.2011, out of the 16,64,186 rural habitations in the country, about 1,21,046 habitations have some sources of drinking water affected with chemical contamination. The details are enclosed at Annexure - II. Under NRDWP, the Government of India has given priority to cover quality affected habitations with provision of safe drinking water. In this regard up to 65% of allocation to States can be utilized for coverage of quality affected habitations with safe drinking water.

(f) A statement showing the release and expenditure for the last three years and the current year is attached at Annexure - III.

(g) The target for coverage of habitations in a year is decided in the beginning of that year in the Annual Action Plans prepared by the States and discussed with the Ministry. Figures for the next 2 years are yet to be finalized.