

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several schools in rural areas are running without the facility of safe drinking water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed to provide drinking water facilities in all the schools in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds released, utilised and achievements made in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The State-wise number of schools not having drinking water facilities, as per the District Information system for Education (DISE) 2007-08 data, is annexed at Annexure A.

(c)to(e): Under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), State-wise physical and financial targets fixed for providing drinking water facilities to schools and the achievements thereon is at Annexure B. Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), no annual targets are fixed or allocations made for schools separately, but all existing Government and aided schools in rural areas not covered under SSA are required to be provided with drinking water facilities by 2009.