

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

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DRINKING WATER IN TSUNAMI AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have taken any steps to augment the drinking water supply in tsunami affected States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) Rural Drinking Water is a State subject. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the States in providing drinking water facilities in the rural areas by rendering financial assistance and technical support through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). The State Governments are competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from the funds provided under NRDWP. Under the NRDWP guidelines, upto 2% of funds are kept aside for rendering financial assistance to States/UTs for restoration of water supply affected due to Natural Calamity (including Tsunami).

After the outbreak of Tsunami in December 2004, funds released to Tsunami affected States/UTs during 2004-05 from the Natural Calamity fund of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) are as under:

Andhra Pradesh Rs. 3.00 Crores, Kerala Rs. 1.75 Crores
Tamil Nadu Rs. 8.50 Crores, A& N Islands Rs.15.37Crores
Pondicherry Rs. 1.00 Crores.

No funds have been allocated to these States from the NRDWP (Natural Calamity fund) for this purpose in the last 3 years. However, the funds allocated to the tsunami affected states under all components of NRDWP in the last three years are as below:

S. No. Name of State Amount allocated under NRDWP (In Rs. Cr.)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 Total

1. Andhra Pradesh 294.53 427.09 491.02 1212.64

2. Tamil Nadu 241.82 320.43 316.91 879.16

3. Kerala 103.33 152.77 144.28 400.38

4. Pondicherry Nil Nil Nil Nil

5. A&N Islands Nil Nil Nil Nil