

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

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APPROACH PAPER FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has prepared an approach paper for provision of safe drinking water during the 12th Five Year Plan and submitted the same to Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Planning Commission in this regard; and
- (c) the funds earmarked to various States including Karnataka for providing safe drinking water during each of the last three years. State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRIJAI RAM RAMESH)

- (a) The Planning Commission had set a Working Group on Rural Domestic Water and Sanitation to prepare a Report reviewing and making recommendations in the Sectors for the formulation of the XIIth Five Year Plan. The Working group has submitted its report to the Planning Commission.
- (b) The main recommendations in the Report pertaining to rural domestic water are:
  - (i) The norm for coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply to be raised from 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) to 55 lpcd.
  - (ii) Focus on providing drinking water through piped water supply.
  - (iii) Convergence between drinking water supply and sanitation to be strengthened. The XIIth Five year plan is being prepared by the Planning Commission.
- (c) The funds earmarked to various States including Karnataka for providing safe drinking water during each of the last three years, is at Annexure I.