

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

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REVIEW OF NRDWP

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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 programme 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 programme;
- (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 under the scheme during the next two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(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 with the State Department officers dealing with rural water supply. A Conference of State Secretaries in-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation of all States was held on 1 June, 2011 wherein the progress achieved under NRDWP was reviewed. In the Conference of 1st June, 2011 good practices adopted in various states were also shared. The progress of States was also reviewed in February - March, 2012 during Annual Action Plan discussions for the next year. States were advised to expedite physical and financial progress in achieving targets under the Programme. Senior Officers/ Technical Officers of the Ministry also 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 State-wise achievement of coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply during the last three years and the current year is placed at Annexure- I.

(d) & (e): As reported by the States on the Integrated Management Information System (1MIS) of the Ministry as on 14.3.2012, out of the 16,64,186 rural habitations in the country, about 1,06,500 habitations with some sources of drinking water affected with chemical contamination remain to be covered with provision of safe water supply. 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 62% of allocation to States can be utilized for coverage of quality affected habitations with safe drinking water. A budgetary allocation of Rs.8500 crore (Revised Estimate) has been made for NRDWP in 2011-12.

(f): A statement showing the State-wise release and expenditure for the last three years and the current year is attached at Annexure - 111.

(g): The target of coverage of habitations in a year is decided at the beginning of that year in the Annual Action Plans prepared by the States and discussed with the Ministry based on availability of funds, etc. and cannot be determined in advance.