

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4542

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LACK OF POTABLE WATER

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large population of our country is unable to get water fit for consumption;
- (b) if so, whether the Government had fixed any target for providing safe drinking water during the last three years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the success achieved by the Government in its efforts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) As reported by the States, 81.54% of rural population of the country is fully covered, 13.25% of the rural population is partially covered and 5.21% of rural population has risk of exposure to some sources of drinking water which are contaminated.

(b) & (c) In last three years the population targeted to be covered and the population actually covered with safe drinking water is as below:

Year	Population Targeted	Population Covered
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2009-10	13.47 crores	11.93 crores
2010-11	11.26 crores	9.41 crores
2011-12	11.47 crores	9.77 crores`