

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

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PIPED DRINKING WATER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether piped drinking project has been started for providing clean drinking water in rural areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the norms laid down for implementation of the said project in the rural areas;
- (c) whether the Government has started the said project keeping in view the quantity of hazardous toxic substances present in the ground water in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details of the said project started in the rural areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a)&(b): Yes. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has not fixed any quantity or cost norms for piped water supply schemes. The piped water supply should be planned to provide a minimum of 40 litres of safe water per capita per day (lpcd). It is for the State Government to fix higher norms based on local conditions and requirements.
- (c): Piped water supply projects are taken up by States to provide higher quantity of safe drinking water at a convenient distance both for quality affected habitations and for other habitations.
- (d): A statement giving of State-wise details of piped water supply schemes including Uttar Pradesh for three years (2009-10 to 2011-12) is attached at Annexure.