

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

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TARGET UNDER DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed/ proposes to fix any targets for the next three years to provide safe drinking water to the villages under Bharat Nirman Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of villages in the country where safe drinking water is not available as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): Provision of drinking water is one of the components of Bharat Nirman. The Ministry maintains data regarding availability of safe drinking water in the country habitation wise. As on 1.4.2012 as reported by the states there are 2,92,120 partially covered and 99,380 quality affected habitations in the country, in which at least one source is affected by water quality problem like excess Iron, Fluoride, Arsenic, Salinity and Nitrate contamination. Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) the states prepare Annual Action Plans every year in which they target to cover the partially covered and quality affected habitations with adequate potable drinking water. Annual targets are finalized every year on the basis of funds available.