

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

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CLEANING OF WATER
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides grants to various Gram Panchayats for cleaning of water and purchase of equipment for cleaning of water etc. under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP); and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the grants provided during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation administers through the States the centrally sponsored scheme, National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) by providing financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide drinking water in the rural areas. The State Governments are vested with powers to plan, execute and implement drinking water supply schemes under NRDWP. Under NRDWP funds are provided to State Governments. Funds under NRDWP are not provided by Government of India directly to Gram Panchayats. States can use upto 62% of NRDWP funds allocated to them to cover water quality affected habitations with safe water supply including installation of water purification equipments. States implement water supply projects through Departments incharge of rural drinking water supply, Panchayati Raj Institutions or Boards/ Corporations incharge of drinking water supply.

(b): Grants released to State Governments in the last three years is at Annexure.