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PIPED DRINKING WATER

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

- (a) the number of habitations and percentage of rural households in the country which have access to piped drinking water, State-wise;
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to cover more households;
- (c) whether the Government has set any time frame to provide piped drinking water to the habitations /households targeted for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The number of rural habitations covered by piped drinking water supply schemes as reported by the States on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry and the percentage of rural households which have access to piped water, as per Census 2011, State-wise is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation provides financial and technical assistance to the States under the centrally sponsored scheme, the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), to supplement their efforts to provide drinking water, including piped drinking water, to rural households .

The State Governments are vested with powers to plan, execute and implement drinking water supply schemes under the NRDWP to cover more habitations with piped water supply. As per the Strategic Plan of the Ministry, the goal is to ensure that at least 55 % of rural households are provided with 55 litres per capita per day within a distance of 100 metres and that at least 35 % of rural households have household tap connections.