

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER SUPPLY IN URBAN AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any assessment has been made regarding shortage of drinking water in the urban areas and metropolitan cities including slum areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the shortage, State-wise and city-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to formulate any integrated and comprehensive plan for adequate supply of water in the urban areas and metropolitan cities including in slum areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments seeking Central assistance in view of the shortage of water in the respective States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a)to(f): Provision of water supply is the responsibility of the States/Urban local bodies as per the constitution of India. Ministry is not keeping the state-wise and city-wise data as it is a function of the ULBs/State Governments. However, there are no specific reports of shortage of drinking water but the quantity of water supply varies seasonally and subject to availability of water resources to the cities/urban areas.

Water supply is one of the admissible components of infrastructure development for providing financial assistance under Urban Infrastructure Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT). So far 452 water supply projects have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 8891.54 crore involving central commitment of Rs. 7184.48 crore, out of which an amount of Rs. 5978.74 crore has been released to the States so far.

The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) is implementing the North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme (NERUDP) with the financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB) covering capital cities of 5 North Eastern States viz. Agartala (Tripura), Aizawl (Mizoram), Gangtok (Sikkim), Kohima (Nagaland), and Shillong (Meghalaya) which is enclosed as Annexure- I.

The details of the proposals for water supply scheme under 10% Lumpsum Provision Scheme for NER including Sikkim during last three years & Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme in Satellite Towns around seven mega-cities during last three years are enclosed as Annexure - II & III respectively.

Under Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG) Sub-Mission of JNNURM, Water Supply is one of the admissible component of grant of Additional Central Assistance (ACA). So far 157 projects on Water Supply Sector have been approved with approved cost of Rs.2048589.03 lakh and ACA commitment of Rs.1008819.48 lakh for various Mission cities during the Mission period i.e. 2005-2012.