

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:90  
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REFORMS IN RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the extent of rural drinking water supply and coverage of households in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include more number of villages under the drinking water schemes during the current Five Year Plan, if so, the targets set thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review and reform rural drinking water supply schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 90 for answer on 16.08.2012

(a): The extent of rural drinking water supply and coverage of households in the country, State/ UT –wise as reported by Census 2011, is at Annexure.

(b): The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation monitors the extent of rural drinking water supply coverage in terms of habitations. For the current year (2012-13), 75000 partially covered habitations and 25000 quality affected habitations have been targeted for coverage with adequate potable drinking water supply.

(c)&(d): Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), during the current five year Plan (2012-17 ), the focus shall be on increasing the service levels in rural areas from 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) to 55 lpcd, providing drinking water through pipe water supply systems promoting convergence of drinking water supply systems with rural sanitation and earmarking 5% of funds for tackling chemical contamination in drinking water sources especially arsenic and fluoride and bacteriological contamination in Japanese Encephalitis/ Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (JE/AES) affected districts.