

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:275
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2012
AVAILABILITY OF DRINKING WATER
Singh Shri Jitender

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

- (a) whether all the households living in the rural areas are getting 40 litres of water per capita per day (lpc
- (d) as stipulated under the guidelines of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the measures taken by the Government in this regard so as to ensure availability of requisite quantity of water in the rural areas within a definite time frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

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

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.275 to be answered on 30/8/2012

(a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation monitors the extent of rural drinking water supply coverage in terms of habitations. As per the data provided by the States on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry, as on 1.4.2012, out of the 16,64,186 rural habitations in the country, there are 3,91,518 habitations which are getting less than 40 litres of safe drinking water per capita per day (lpcd), as stipulated under the guidelines of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)

(b): The Status of rural habitations with respect to Drinking Water Supply as on 1.4.2012 is given at Annexure.

(c): Under the NRDWP, the Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population. A budgetary allocation of Rs. 10,500 crores has been provided for NRDWP in 2012-13. Under NRDWP, the States should give priority to cover partially covered habitations with adequate safe drinking water in their Annual Action Plan. States have targeted to cover 1,15,139 partially covered habitations in 2012-13 under NRDWP. The Government of India is thus taking steps to cover rural habitations and households with adequate safe drinking water supply on a continuous basis.