

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

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MDG UNDER NRDWP

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

- (a) the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) set and fulfilled under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether some States are far behind in fulfilling the MDGs under NRDWP;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether as per census 2011, 20% of Indian household in rural areas have to travel more than half a km., for drinking water;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (f) whether the Union Government has received requests from various State Governments to increase the amount under NRDWP and Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in view of the hike in construction material and labour charges;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to(c): As per Target 7C of Millennium Development Goals, the proportion of population without sustainable access to safe drinking water as in 1990 is to be halved by 2015. As per the UNICEF-WHO Joint Monitoring Report 2010 the proportion of rural population without sustainable access to safe drinking water in 1990 in India was 34%, while the percentage in 2008 was 16%. Thus the MDG goal related to rural drinking water supply has already been achieved. The targets set under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) are in terms of Coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply. The targets and achievement in the last three years and current year in this regard, State wise, is at Annexure.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The States have been requested to identify the households and habitations with drinking water source beyond 500 meters and plan for the coverage of such habitations in such a way that all households are covered with water supply within a distance of 500 meters.

(f) to (h): For the NRDWP allocation is as per formula approved in the guidelines. There has been an increase in allocation under NRDWP from Rs. 8500 crore in 2011-12 to Rs. 10500 crore in 2012-13. As regards, Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan no requests have been received from State Governments to increase the amount.