

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SAFE DRINKING WATER IN TRIBAL AREAS

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

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes to provide safe drinking water to tribal areas;
- (b) the details of success achieved under these schemes/programmes in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme/programme-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the aforesaid scheme/ programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a): The Government of India administers the centrally sponsored scheme, the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), through which financial and technical assistance is provided to States, to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water through handpumps, piped water supply schemes etc. to the rural population, including in tribal areas.

Under the NRDWP, 10% of the annual budget allocation is earmarked for the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP), for expenditure on rural water supply schemes covering Scheduled Tribe concentrated habitations. Further, in the criteria for allocation of funds to the States under NRDWP, 10 % weightage is given to the rural Scheduled Tribe (SC) and Scheduled Caste (ST) population in the State.

(b): As reported by the States on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry, as on 1.4.2012, out of the 16,66,075 rural habitations in the country, 3,56,949 are Scheduled Tribe concentrated habitations. Of these 2,44,831 (68.59%) habitations have been fully covered with adequate safe drinking water supply, 88,287 habitations (24.72%) partially covered, and 23,891 habitations (6.69%) have one or more drinking water sources with chemical contamination problems. The details of the targets and achievements of coverage of Scheduled Tribe concentrated habitations with drinking water supply, under the NRDWP in the last three years and the current year is as below.

(Number of Habitations Covered)

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Target Ach. %	Target Ach %	Target Ach %	Target Ach %
28906 30597 105.86	31668 25219 79.64	35556 28009 78.77	36497 8834 24.20

#As on 31.10.2012

(c)&(d): A review of the NRDWP was carried out in a Conference held on 25, 26 and 29 October 2012 with State Governments. The following observations/ suggestions were made in the conference:

- i. States need to accelerate utilization of funds under NRDWP.
- ii. Coverage of quality affected habitations and partially covered habitations needs to be prioritized.
- iii. Target for coverage of SC, ST concentrated habitations should be achieved.
- iv. Use of Support funds released under NRDWP to States has to be planned properly to improve the quality of the programme.
- v. States need to concentrate on provision of piped water supply in rural areas.

- vi. States need to plan for increasing service levels of drinking water supply in rural areas to 55 litres per capita per day.
- vii. States need to plan for a conjoint approach for coverage of rural areas with water supply and sanitation.
- viii. All audit requirements under NRDWP need to be complete
- ix. Data entry of the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry needs to be up to date.