

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENTS ON DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is making more investments in the drinking water projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during the last three years; and
- (c) the actual demands of each State including Andhra Pradesh and the extent to which these demands met?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. The central allocation for the rural drinking water programme, now called National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), has increased from Rs. 4050 crore in 2005-06 to Rs. 5200 crore in 2006-07, Rs. 6500 crore in 2007-08, Rs. 7300 crore in 2008-09 and Rs. 8000 crore in 2009-10.

(c): Rural drinking water is a State subject. Government of India only provides technical and financial support to States in this regard, through Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Funds are allocated to all States from the Centre as per the prescribed allocation criteria from the budgetary provision made for NRDWP. As such, no demands are made by States. However, the following states have sought additional financial assistance under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during the current financial year:

(Rs. In crores)

S. No.	State	Amount	Reason for additional financial assistance
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1	Karnataka	500	To tackle the water quality affected habitations
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2	Rajasthan	1000	To take up special projects on high priority for fluoride affected areas
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3	Punjab	5	To meet any exigency in case of floods
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4	Himachal Pradesh	172.22	As special grant for 3 major drinking water projects located in drought prone areas
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5	Tripura	50	To take up piped water supply projects in the State
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6 Orissa 272.14 To mitigate problems of fluoride affected villages

7 Haryana 17.49 For additional coverage of DDP areas

37.43 To address quality problems of Jhajjar and Rewari districts

Besides, Meghalaya has asked for enhancing its allocation to Rs. 100 crores for the current year to complete the ongoing schemes.

Funds are released as per the allocation and based on the performance of the States in the previous year. At the end of the financial year, depending on the position of the savings, requests for enhanced Central Assistance are accommodated for better performing States. In addition, if the requirement of any State is beyond the budgetary allocation under NRDWP, its request is recommended for additional Central Assistance to the Planning Commission or the State is advised to prepare a project for seeking funds from external support agencies.

The World Bank has agreed to fund a drinking water supply project with total outlay of USD 180 million for Andhra Pradesh.