

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any study about increasing demand for drinking water, keeping in view the unprecedented climate condition, rising industrial demand of water and increase in population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the additional demand; and
- (d) the amount earmarked for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development had assessed that the total water requirement for domestic uses will be about 62 billion cubic metres (BCM) and 111 BCM by the years 2025 and 2050 respectively.

(c)&(d) : Rural water supply is a State subject. This Ministry supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), to provide drinking water supply in rural areas. The State Governments are vested with powers to select, plan, approve and implement drinking water supply schemes under the NRDWP to ensure that the rural population is provided with adequate potable drinking water supply. The State/UT wise allocation and release under NRDWP in 2012-13 is at Annexure. The budget allocation for NRDWP at the national level has been increased from Rs.8500 crore (Revised Estimate) in 2011-12 to Rs.11000 crore in 2013-14.