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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for identifying the villages and tribal areas in various States of the country facing shortage of safe drinking water and sanitation facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the villages and tribal areas separately. State/UT-wise:
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to cover more villages under drinking water and sanitation schemes; and
- (d) the mechanism put in place to monitor the implementation of these schemes all over the country?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): As regard safe drinking water, as per information reported by States/UTs on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry, out of a total of 16,66,075 rural habitations in the country, as on 1.4.2012, 2,58,241 habitations were partially covered. i.e. having less than 40 litres per capita per day of drinking water supply. The corresponding figures for Scheduled Tribe (ST) concentrated habitations are 3,56,949 and 71,258 respectively. State-wise/UT wise figures are at Annexure I.

As regards sanitation facilities, no survey has been conducted for identifying the villages and tribal areas in various States of the country facing shortage of sanitation facilities. Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), projects are approved taking districts as unit covering all Gram Panchayats and villages. As per information reported by States/UTs on the online monitoring system of the Ministry, out of 2,53,755 Gram Panchayats, 2,09,387 Gram Panchayats are partially covered with sanitation facilities. State/UT-wise status is at Annexure-II. There are 147 Tribal concentrated districts in the country. Against a total target of 3,24,73,004 individual household latrines, 2,45,03,389 latrines have been constructed in these districts so far.

(c): The Government of India administers the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) through which technical and financial assistance is provided to the States, to supplement their efforts in providing safe and adequate and potable drinking

water supply to rural areas including the tribal areas. Under the NRDWP, partially covered and quality affected rural habitations are prioritised for coverage with drinking water supply. 10% of allocation is earmarked for the Tribal Sub-plan for coverage of the ST concentrated habitations. Till date, NBA Projects have been sanctioned in 607 rural districts of the country. All villages in the districts are covered under the programme.

(d): The Government monitors the implementation of the NRDWP by States through the monthly physical and financial progress reports provided by them on the online monitoring system of the Ministry; review meetings are held periodically with State Government officials; Administrative and Technical Officers of the Ministry visit the States regularly to observe the implementation of the schemes etc; States are also required to prepare Annual Action Plan (AAP) every year and discuss the same with the Ministry so that the priorities under NRDWP are fixed and followed.

As regard NBA, comprehensive web-based online monitoring systems for NBA is in place with Gram Panchayat (GP) level data on targets and achievements. The data is being updated at district level and state level. The system has been upgraded with a facility to upload the names and card number for BPL and Identified APL beneficiaries for authentication of data along with the details of SC/ST households. Also Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring through Performance Review meetings. Area Officers, National Level Monitors and District Level Monitoring and Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State/District Level.