

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

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JALMANI SCHEME .

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

- (a) whether the Jalmani Scheme started in the year 2008 for providing safe drinking water to the students studying in the schools of rural areas has been dispensed with after the year 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not continuing the scheme after the year 2009-10;
- (c) the total funds spent for this scheme;
- (d) the total number of such schools in which drinking water had been provided; and
- (e) the State-wise total number of schools deprived of safe drinking water at present?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech 2008-09 made an announcement for providing safe drinking water to 1 lakh rural schools in water deficient areas at an estimated cost of Rs 200 crore. Accordingly, after taking necessary approvals, the "Jalmani programme" was launched in the year 2008-09. Ministry of Finance, Government of India has provided Rs 100 crore each during 2008-09 and 2009-10 under the Social Infrastructural Development Fund (SIDF) on 100% Central sharing pattern. The programme was aimed at providing stand alone water purification systems in rural schools to provide safe drinking water at the consumption point especially to tackle bacteriological contamination, turbidity and excess iron. Since this was only a pilot project, further funding under Jalmani programme was not provided by the Ministry of Finance from SIDF.

(c) The total funds of Rs.200 crore provided were released to the States by Government of India. As reported by the States into the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) developed by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, as on 2/8/2013, an amount of Rs 120.78 crore has been utilized under Jalmani programme.

(d) & (e) As reported by the States on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, as on 2.8.2013 as against a target of coverage of 1 lakh rural schools, the States have so far covered 95,937 rural schools. Since some States have reported coverage of rural schools more than the targeted schools, the number of schools yet to be covered with safe drinking water under Jalmani programme is 13,921 rural schools, as on 2/8/2013. The State-wise details of rural schools yet to be covered are given at Annexure.