

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

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AVAILABILITY OF DRINKING WATER

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

- (a) the details of fully covered, partially covered and quality affected areas in the country in regard to drinking water, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken to provide drinking water in all the habitations of the country;
- (c) whether a part of population have to travel more than half-a-kilometer to fetch drinking water;
- (d) if so, the details and percentage thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) As reported by States on the Integrated Management Information System of Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation(as on 1.4.2013) , there are 16,92,251 rural habitations in the country of which 11,61,018 is fully covered, 44,84,39 is partially covered and 8,27,94 is quality affected. The State/UT wise details are at Annexure 1.

(b) Under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population. A budgetary allocation of Rs. 11,000 crores has been provided for NRDWP in 2013-14. Under NRDWP, priority has to be given to cover partially covered and quality affected habitations with safe drinking water. Upto 67% of total allocation to States can be utilized for coverage of such habitations.

(c) and (d) As per Census 2011, 22.10 percent of rural households in the country have their drinking water supply at a distance of more than 500 meter from their place of residence. The distance of availability of drinking water from households, State-wise/UT-wise is at Annexure II.

e) In the 12th Five Year Plan , the focus of this Ministry is to provide piped water supply to rural households. Ministry has instructed the States to give priority to those habitations where rural households have to travel more than 500 meters to fetch drinking water.