

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

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

(a) whether the Government has fixed or proposes to fix any target for providing drinking water in all the villages under Bharat Nirman Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe fixed for the purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of India fixed a target to provide drinking water to all rural habitations in India in the Bharat Nirman Phase II thereby ensuring that there is no uncovered habitation without drinking water supply. The target was achieved as on 01.04.2011.

In the subsequent phase of Bharat Nirman, priority is to cover all the Quality affected habitations in the country. As on 01.04.2013, there are around 82794 Quality Affected Habitations rural habitations in the country which are to be provided with potable drinking water. A total of 25345 such habitations have been targeted to be covered in the year 2013-14.

The focus of the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation now is provide piped water supply to more and more households in the rural areas. The interim goal till 2017 is to cover 50% of all rural households with piped water supply, and 35% of rural households with household tap connections. By 2022, the goal is to cover 90% rural households with piped water supply, with 80% having household tap connections.