

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

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DRINKING WATER FACILITIES

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) survey, only 46.1 percent households in rural India got drinking water within premises compared to 76.8 percent households in urban India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of the other facts reported under the said survey; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve the quality of drinking water and its availability in the rural areas?

**Answer**

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

(a) As per the National Sample Survey Organization's (NSSO) 69th round of estimation, 46.1% households in rural India have access to drinking water within premises as against the Census 2011 figures which reported 35% rural households having access to drinking water within premises.

(b) The State/UT wise details are at Annexure I. Government of India under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) provides financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population. Under NRDWP, the Government of India has given priority to cover partially covered habitations and quality affected habitations with safe drinking water for which up to 67 percent of allocation to States can be utilized.

(c) The details of the other facts reported under the NSSO 69th round survey is at Annexure II

(d) In order to assist the States which face drinking water quality problems, from 2012-13, 5 percent of NRDWP funds, have been earmarked and are allocated to those States facing problems of chemical contamination in drinking water or with Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES). The Government of India is taking steps to cover all rural habitations and households with safe and adequate drinking water supply on a continuous basis. The physical and financial achievements of States/UTs under National Rural Drinking Water Programme in last three years and this year as follows.

Financial Performance

Allocation and Release under NRDWP from 2010-11 to 2013-14 (In Rs Crore)

Year	Allocation	Release
2010-11	9000.00	8986.74
2011-12	8500.00 (RE)	8493.15
2012-13	10500.00	10489.00
2013-14#	9700 (RE)	7730.69

# As on 01.02.2014

Physical Performance under NRDWP from 2010-11 to 2013-14

Target & Coverage of Rural Habitations

Year	Target	Coverage	%
2010-11	121812	119383	98.00
2011-12	145169	138367	95.31
2012-13	141660	155706	100.00
2013-14#	141838	64805	45.68

# As on 01.02.2014