

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

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ACCESSIBILITY OF DRINKING WATER
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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 recent report of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), 70.5 percent rural people in Kerala do not have access to improved source of drinking water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam. As per NSSO 69th round report, 70.5% of the rural households in Kerala don't have access to improved sources of water.

(b) As per the census 2011, in Kerala 24.5% of rural households have Piped Drinking Water Supply, 64.8% of the rural households depends on Well Water, 3.9% depend on handpumps and 6.8% depend on other sources. Of the 64.8% wells, 14.3% is covered wells and 50.5% are uncovered wells. Under the Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) conducted by UNICEF and WHO, uncovered wells and other sources are not included as improved sources and thus the percentage of households depending on the unimproved sources is higher. The State Government of Kerala has been advised to prioritize covering of the uncovered wells in the Annual Action Plan of the State by spending money from National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP).