

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF NRDWP

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the achievements made under this programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether a large population of villages covered under this programme are still deprived of safe drinking water;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (f) the details of funds released and utilized under this programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTs-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation reviews the implementation of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) periodically by conducting national and regional review meetings and video conferences with the State Government officers dealing with rural water supply. A conference of State Ministers, State Secretaries in charge of Rural Water Supply was conducted on 18th & 19th February 2013 which was chaired by Minister in charge of Drinking Water & Sanitation to review the performance of NRDWP as well as to discuss the issues faced by States in the implementation of the programme.

Another Conference of State Secretaries and Engineering in Chiefs in-charge of Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation of all States was held on 29th November, 2013 wherein the progress achieved under NRDWP was reviewed.

Senior Officers/ Technical Officers of the Ministry also visit the States to observe the progress of implementation of the programme. The review meetings and visits provide information about the implementation of the Programme and enable the Government of India and State Governments to focus on the areas where progress is lacking. Some of the observations/suggestions made in the review meeting are as follows;

- i. States need to accelerate utilization of funds under NRDWP.
- ii. Coverage of quality affected habitations and partially covered habitations needs to be prioritized.
- iii Use of Support funds released under NRDWP to States has to be increased to improve the quality of the programme.
- iv. Schemes which are ongoing for more than three years should be completed before taking up new schemes.
- v. States should implement all components of the NRDWP programme in synchronized manner and should not show lethargy in implementation of certain difficult components,
- vi. States need to concentrate on provision of piped water supply in rural areas.
- vii. States need to plan for increasing service level of drinking water supply in rural areas to 55 litres per capita per day.
- viii. States need to plan for a conjoint approach for coverage of rural areas with water supply and sanitation.

(c) The State/UT achievements made under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme during the last three years and current year is at Annexure I.

(d) & (e) As reported by the States in the online Integrated Management Information System of this Ministry, out of the total rural habitation of 16,92,251 (87 crore Rural Population), 1161018 habitations (59.14 crore population) are fully covered, 4,48,439

habitation (23.37 crore population) partially covered and only 82,794 habitations (4.49 crore population) are quality affected with chemical containments. The State wise/ UT wise details are at Annexure - II. Under NRDWP the Government of India has given priority to cover quality affected habitations with provision of safe drinking water. In this regard up to 67% of allocation to States can be utilized for coverage of quality affected habitations with safe drinking water. A budgetary allocation of Rs.1 1,000 crore has been made for NRDWP in 2013-14.

(f) A statement showing State/UT wise details of financial progress under NRDWP for last three year and current year is at Annexure III.