

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3898
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SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER IN HILL REGIONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the mountainous areas of Uttarakhand are suffering from an acute water shortage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide drinking water in these remote hilly regions of the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to adopt small scale methods of water management as large hydro projects have only aggravated the situation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a)to(c):Yes, Sir. Uttarakhand has reported that some areas are having acute water shortage. Out of 39180 habitations, 2823 habitations do not have adequate water supply system or having a system supplying less than 10 liters per capita per day (lpcd) and 9096 habitations have a system supplying between 10 and 40 lpcd. To enhance the water supply to these habitations, schemes are under implementation and targeted for completion by 2012.

(d): There is no such situation in Uttarakhand.

(e): Does not arise.