

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2180
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2009
WATER TESTING LABORATORY
Rawat Shri Ashok Kumar

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on any proposal of setting up a water testing laboratory in each of the districts particularly in backward regions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from some States regarding setting up of water testing laboratory in their respective States during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has made allocation of two percent of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) funds to support activities which, include setting up of water testing laboratories in the districts and sub divisions.

(c) to (e) The Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development received proposals for setting up/strengthening of district level water quality laboratories from six States viz. Uttar Pradesh, Mizoram, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat during the last three years. State wise details of release of funds is at Annexure-I

The Ministry of Urban Development also assists the States with Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for development of Urban Infrastructure including setting up of water treatment plants having water testing laboratory facilities under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

Annexure-I

Status of proposals received from States for setting up/ strengthening of 'Water Quality Laboratories' during last three years.

Rs. In lakh

Sl. No.	State	Amount Released
---------	-------	-----------------

1.	Uttar Pradesh	147.07
----	---------------	--------

2.	Mizoram	6.00
----	---------	------

3.	Jharkhand	4.00
----	-----------	------

4.	Karnataka	4.00
----	-----------	------

5. Arunachal Pradesh 6.00

6. Gujarat 33.00

Total 200.07