

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

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

- (a) whether there has been any study on poor quality of drinking water and its connection with the malnutrition in Attapadi tribal area of Kerala, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government had announced a comprehensive drinking water scheme in Attapadi tribal area as part of the package;
- (c) if so, the status of the proposed drinking water supply scheme;
- (d) whether the Government has set any time-frame line for its completion; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION, (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

- (a) As reported by Kerala Water Authority, the State Government agency dealing with drinking water supply in Kerala have not conducted any study on poor quality of drinking water and its connection with the malnutrition in Attapadi tribal area.
- (b) to (e) The 20th State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC), the statutory body of the State Government that has powers to approve drinking water supply projects in rural areas, in its meeting held on 14/5/2014 approved the first phase of the comprehensive water supply scheme to Agaly and adjoining panchayats in Mannarkad taluk in Palakkad district for an amount of Rs 11.53 crore under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme and subsequently, the State Government has issued Administrative sanction to commission this project vide its order dated 8/10/2014. The total drinking water supply project in and around Attapadi tribal areas cover 88 tribal settlements of out a total 184 settlements with piped water supply, of which 13 wards are water quality affected and the total estimated value of the full project is Rs 40 crore. The Phase-I of the above-mentioned project whose Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared is designed to cover 48 habitations (wards) of 3 Gram Panchayats namely Agaly, Pudur and Sholayur in Attapadi tribal block in 6 villages. Action has been initiated by Kerala Water Authority for calling tenders for execution of Phase-I of the above-referred water supply project and the project execution period for this Phase-I work is 2 years.