

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct water tanks in each village to provide safe drinking water in rural areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government also proposes to install India Mark-2 hand pumps in each village in first phase keeping in view the problem of drinking water in rural areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a to c) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. The Government of India assists the States with technical and financial assistances through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to supplement their efforts in providing safe drinking water to the rural population. State Government are vested with powers to plan, approve and implement drinking water supply schemes, including installing India Mark - 2 hand pumps, utilizing the allocation under NRDWP. The Ministry , however, is discouraging the use of hand pumps as a means for providing drinking water to rural population in the country and instead asking the State Governments to plan for more safe and sustainable drinking water supply schemes.

There is no proposal to construct water tanks in each village to provide safe drinking water in rural areas.