

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

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Allocation for Drinking Water
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Rural Drinking Water Programme in rural areas of the country has failed to give the desired results;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and financial allocation made by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government intends to strengthen the monitoring system in the larger interest of the rural population of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) and (b) No Madam. As per information entered by the States/UTs on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry, as on 01.04.2015, 74.14% of rural habitations in various States/ UTs have been fully covered with availability of 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) while the corresponding figure as on 01.04.2009 i.e. beginning of the programme was 65.69%. Provisioning of drinking water is a continuous process as few of the previously fully covered habitations revert back to partially covered status i.e. with service level of less than 40 lpcd due to various factors such as depletion of ground water resulting in less yield, increase in the level of contamination, increase in population of the habitation etc.

The details of allocation made by the Government during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise are given at Annexure.

(c) Yes Madam. Drinking Water is State Subject. Government of India intends to strengthen the monitoring system in the larger interest of the rural population of the country for which the Ministry has a comprehensive online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) wherein the States/UTs are to enter the data in terms of progress made under coverage of drinking water supply. The Ministry reviews the implementation of the NRDWP periodically by conducting national and regional review meetings and video conferences with the officers of the States dealing with rural water supply. Senior Officers/ Technical Officers of the Ministry also visit the States to observe the progress of implementation of the programme.