

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

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Piped Water Supply

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive the old and non-functional Piped Water Supply (PWS) schemes to make sustainable for household tap connection; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Drinking water supply is State subject. However for drinking water supply in rural areas, under National Rural Drinking Water Programme, the Government provides financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population. States have been delegated the powers to select, approve and implement the drinking water supply projects/schemes. To ensure sustainability of functioning of rural water supply schemes, both new & old which includes non-functional schemes also, the States have to adopt improved Operation & Maintenance (O&M) methods for their better working and to repair damaged / non-functional Drinking Water Supply Schemes including piped water supply schemes to make sustainable for household tap connection. For this O&M, up to 15% of funds under NRDWP allocated by this Ministry to the States can be utilized.