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Handpumps

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

- (a) the criteria prescribed for the installation of hand pumps under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme in the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan to relax these criteria and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the total number of new handpumps installed during each of the last three years and the current year along with the amount spent thereon, State-wise;
- (d) the State-wise number of handpumps out of order and number of handpumps working properly at present; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide safeguards against the harmful contents found in ground water by installing automated filtering instrument in the handpumps and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), powers with regard to the selection of rural water supply schemes and the criteria adopted regarding the same including that for installation of handpumps have been delegated to the States. No separate guidelines for installation of handpumps have been prescribed under NRDWP.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) The total number of new handpumps installed State/UT wise during each of the last three years and the current year along with the amount spent thereon as per information provided by States/UTs on online Integrated Monitoring Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry are at Annexure-I.
- (d) The State-wise number of handpumps out of order/non functional and number of handpumps working properly at present are at Annexure-II.
- (e) Under NRDWP, power to plan and sanction the schemes rests with the States. The Ministry has advised the States to tackle drinking water quality affected habitations in rural areas by providing Piped Water Supply using safe water sources, preferably based on surface water as piped water supply schemes are more sustainable. In some States such as Uttar Pradesh, hand pump attached treatment plants based on Activated Carbon have been installed in arsenic and fluoride affected habitations. The number of hand pump attached treatment plants are maintained by the respective States.