

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

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Mapping of Potable Water  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government provides financial and technical assistance to the States for ground water surveys and mapping of potable water; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) & (b) Rural water supply is a State subject. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India assists the States technically and financially through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Under NRDWP, upto 10% funds allocated to the States can be utilized for Source sustainability. Whenever ground water aquifer is to be selected as source for water supply project, necessary geo-physical survey has to be done after using the Hydro-Geo-Morphological (HGM) Maps. The HGM maps were got done by the Ministry utilizing the services of National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad for the entire country except for certain ice capped and international border areas. These maps were then distributed to all the States in the country. At present, NRSC has been entrusted to insert water quality layer into the HGM maps and the status of these maps including during the last three years and current year in different States is given in Annexure.

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