

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

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Safe Drinking Water  
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the initiative taken by the Union Government for providing safe drinking water in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra including Buldhana during the last three years and the outcome thereof;
- (b) the quantum of funds made available for the purpose during the said years, year-wise;
- (c) whether pure drinking water is being provided to general public in the said areas as a result of efforts made by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the immediate initiatives likely to be taken in this regard so that pure drinking water is provided to people?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) & (b) Rural drinking water supply is a state subject. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides technical & financial assistance to states for providing safe drinking water in rural areas. The responsibility of implementation and execution of the schemes under programme lies with the State. During the year 2017-18, under NRDWP, Rs. 338.13 Crore has been allocated to the State of Maharashtra out of which, Rs. 40.68 Crore has been released till 18.07.2017 to the State.

As per NRDWP guidelines, the Annual Action Plan is prepared and implemented in the State of Maharashtra including Vidarbha Region. The target and achievement of coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply in last three years for Vidarbha region as informed by the State Government of Maharashtra is as under:-

Year Target Achievement  
2014-15 856 796  
2015-16 328 282  
2016-17 369 217

Similarly, the total funds available to Vidarbha region and expenditure met during the last three years as reported by the State Government of Maharashtra is given below:

(Rs. in Crore)  
Year Total fund available Expenditure  
2014-15 320.33 289.33  
2015-16 165.15 147.00  
2016-17 164.71 134.33

Moreover, the district wise details of physical achievements in terms of habitations are given at Annexure-I. The details of Central Fund made available to Vidarbha Region and expenditure incurred District wise are given at Annexure II.

(c) Yes Madam.

(d) As per norms, 40 Litres per capita per day (LPCD) drinking water is provided in last three years for 1295 habitations. Further, 96 Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plants have been installed. In addition, 60 RO Plants and 48 De-fluoridation units (DFU) are proposed as short term measures in the Vidarbha Region to provide safe water in quality affected areas. Cumulatively, as on 01.04.2017, there are 13938 fully covered habitations out of 15444 total habitations in Vidarbha Region. The District wise details are enclosed in Annexure III.

(e) Question does not arise.