

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

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Plan for Safe Drinking Water to all the People
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government to provide assistance to the State of Punjab for improving the facilities for drinking water;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any new plan for ensuring safe drinking water to each citizen;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has provided funds for construction of toilets in rural households of the State of Punjab after the implementation of "Swachh Bharat Mission"; and
- (e) if so, the reports/figures received by the Government from the State regarding progress made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) This Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to States for coverage of rural drinking water supply through centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Under NRDWP, the execution of rural water supply scheme is done by the respective State Government. States are free to plan, design and execute Rural Drinking Water Supply Scheme (RWSS) after getting the same approved by the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC). As reported by State Government of Punjab on the online portal of this Ministry, as on 31.07.2017, there are 258 drinking water supply schemes being implemented in the State.

(b) & (c) This Ministry has also prepared a Strategic Plan for the rural drinking water sector for the period 2011-2022 for providing the piped water supply in the rural areas. As per this, by 2022, the goal is to cover at least 90% of rural households with piped water supply. States have been advised to prioritize coverage of all arsenic & fluoride affected rural habitations with surface water based piped water supply schemes as the permanent & sustainable solution. States have also been advised to set up Community Water Purification plants as a short-term measure to provide at least 8-10 litres per capita per day (lpcd) of safe water for drinking & cooking purpose in all remaining arsenic & fluoride affected rural habitations. To solve the problem of Arsenic and Fluoride contamination in water, the Ministry has launched a National Water Quality Sub-Mission on 22nd March 2017 to provide safe drinking water to about 28000 Arsenic/Fluoride affected habitations in the country in a span of 4 years, subject to availability of funds. During the current financial year 2017-18, Rs. 1000 crore has been earmarked for National Water Quality Sub-Mission on Arsenic/Fluoride.

(d) Yes, Madam. Central share released to Punjab under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) during last 3 years and current year is as under :-

Year Funds released (Rs. In crore)
2014-15 (From 2.10.2014 to 31.3.2015) 0
2015-16 38.70
2016-17 197.02
2017-18 (Upto 01.8.2017) 132.61

(e) Number of Individual household latrines (IHHLs) constructed in Punjab under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) during last 3 years and current year as reported by Govt. of Punjab is as under :-

Year No. of Individual household latrines (IHHLs) constructed
2014-15 (From 2.10.2014 to 31.3.2015) 8432
2015-16 71420
2016-17 106626
2017-18 (Upto 01.8.2017) 11388