

## LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Monday, August 24, 1981/Bhadra 2,  
1903 (Saka).

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

#### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTION

#### Rural Water Supply Schemes under Sixth Plan Period

\*101. SHRI CHISTOPHER EKKA:  
Will the Minister of WORKS AND  
HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a  
proposal to launch Rural Water Supply  
Schemes vigorously during the Sixth  
Plan period;

(b) if so, whether priority will be  
given to the backward districts of  
various States while implementing the  
Rural Water Supply Schemes;

(c) the total number of villages of  
Sundergarh District in Orissa identified  
to be brought under this Scheme;  
and

(d) the details about the implemen-  
tation of the above proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING  
(SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Priority will be given to pro-  
vide drinking water to problem vil-  
lages wherever they are situated.

(c) 1,227.

(d) 23,276 problem villages were  
provided with drinking water facili-  
ties during the year 1980-81 according  
to information so far received from  
the State Governments. Of these, 67  
problem villages were in Sundergarh  
district in Orissa.

श्री प्रताप चानु शर्मा : पिछले वर्ष  
भी गमियों के समय में और एक वर्ष  
भी गमियों के समय में ड्रिनिंग रिज  
उपलब्ध न होने की वजह इस काम की  
रफ्तार धीमी रही है और जिह रफ्तार  
से खुदाई का काम होना चाहिये था  
नहीं हुआ है। पर्याप्त मात्रा में रिज  
उपलब्ध हों, इसके लिए सरकार ने क्या  
कोई कार्रवाई की है, या कार्रवाई करने  
का प्रस्ताव है ?

संसदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण और आवास  
मंत्री (श्री भोषन नारायण सिंह) :  
यह सवाल रिज से संबंध नहीं रखता  
है। माननीय सदस्य अगर अलग से  
सूचना देंगे तो मैं जवाब दे दूंगा।

श्री प्रताप चानु शर्मा : ग्रामीण जल  
सप्लाई की योजनाएं बिना रिज के आग  
नहीं बढ़ सकती है। मैंने अपने निर्वा-  
चन क्षेत्र का टूर करके देखा है और  
मैं बता रहा हूं कि रिज वहां उपलब्ध  
नहीं है और राज्य सरकार ने अपनी  
रिज की आवश्यकताओं को केन्द्र के पास  
भेज दिया है। उस पर इन्होंने क्या  
कार्रवाई की है। अगर उनकी रिक्वायर-  
मेंट नहीं आई है, तो स्पैसिफिक इसका  
जवाब मंत्री सहोदय दें।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** प्रलग से आप नोटिस दे दें तो मैं इसका जवाब दिला दूंगा। यह तो नीचे की बात है। लेकिन हैड से पम्प करके भी तो पानी आ सकता है।

**DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:** I want to know whether, in formulating the scheme, he has with him the statistics about the number of villages per year for the last three years that had been supplied drinking water.

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:** We have got statistics and we get them from the State Governments actually. They identify problem villages. The total number of villages in the country which have to be provided safe drinking water is nearly two lakhs.

**DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY:** I asked how many villages had been provided drinking water year by year for the last three years.

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:** The total number of problem villages covered during 1980-81 is 23,276.

**SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN:** What is the procedure that is followed by the Government of India in approving the scheme, because we find that recommendations are made by the State Governments, but the approval of the Central Government, which is very essential in the case of certain types of rural water supply schemes, takes a very long time?

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:** We have laid down the criteria which we expect the State Governments to follow in identifying problem villages. There should be no safe drinking water facility within 1.6 K. M. Then a village will be identified as a problem village. That is the main criterion.

**SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY:** May I know how many such problem villages in the State of West Bengal have been identified and how many of

them have been provided with drinking water? Whenever the State Government try to supply drinking water, the difficulty of rigs arises. I want to know whether you are efficient only in rigging elections and ballot boxes and you are not efficient in the matter of giving us proper rigs for supply of drinking water?

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:** So far as West Bengal is concerned, the total number of problem villages is 25,243.

**SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY:** What is the number of villages which have been supplied with drinking water?

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:** The number of villages covered in 1980-81 is 874.

**श्रीमती कृष्णा साहू :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहती हूँ कि छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत बिहार में प्रोबलम विलिजज के लिये कितनी राशि आवंटित की गई है जिससे पेय जल की समस्या दूर की जा सके ?

**SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:** The total allocations for Bihar in the sixth plan for the minimum needs programme is Rs. 75 crores.

#### Allocation for Development Projects in Sunderbans Area

\* 102. **SHRI SANAT KUMAR MAJ DAL:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated for the various development projects in the Sunderbans Area the most backward one in West Bengal during the current year and the nature of the projects covered;

(b) the progress made in the execution of the Sunderbans Agriculture Development Project; and