

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3041
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019**

Drinking Water Facilities in Rural Areas

3041. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved any scheme for improvement of drinking water facilities in the rural areas of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of hand pumps that are likely to be installed along with the number of schools and conventional sources which are likely to be included in these schemes; and
- (d) the time by which these schemes are targeted to be completed?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) & (b) Drinking water supply is a state subject. This Ministry administers centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) through which it provides technical and financial assistance to the States including Chhattisgarh for improving the coverage of drinking water facilities in rural areas. States are empowered to plan, design, approve and operate drinking water supply schemes.

(c) & (d) As per restructured NRDWP guideline, there is no provision of installation of hand pumps through NRDWP funds. However, a part of fund has been earmarked for Japanese Encephalitis – Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (JE-AES) areas wherein conversion of shallow hand pumps to India Mark-II or higher version is allowed.

The Ministry further provides technical and financial assistance to States under NRDWP for supplementing their efforts in providing drinking water supply in rural areas including schools. The assistance under the programme includes provision of drinking water supply in schools which were constructed prior to 2007. Further for schools constructed thereafter under the SarvaShikshaAbhiyan (SSA), the facility specific to school, is not being funded through NRDWP.