

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019**

Drinking Water to Tribal Areas of Odisha

4210. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds sanctioned towards provision of safe drinking water supply to tribal areas of Odisha;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is drastically lagging behind in achieving its 2017 target of 35 per cent household piped water coverage and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promptly implement the NRDWP in the districts of Kandhamal, Boudh, Nayagarh and Ganjam of Odisha so that the residents can have access to clean drinking water and if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed for such implementation?

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

- (a) & (b) Water is a State subject. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides technical & financial assistance to the states to improve the coverage of safe drinking water in rural areas. As reported by State Government of Odisha an amount of Rs. 47.57 Crore has been sanctioned for the tribal areas of Odisha. As on 01.04.2018, out of population of 357.87 lakhs rural population in the State of Odisha, 165.58 Lakhs (46.27%) of rural population have been covered by Piped Water Supply (PWS). However, only 3.5 % of the rural households have piped water connections.

Under NRDWP, States are empowered to plan, design and execute schemes. State Governments have been directed / advised to provide access to safe drinking water at various places through stand-post of piped water supply schemes in rural habitations of the country to cover maximum number of households through this. Further, as announced in the Union Budget Speech

2019-20, it has been envisaged to ensure piped water supply to all rural households by 2024 under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

- (c) The number of PWS projects taken up in the districts of Kandhmal, Boudh, Nayagarh&Ganjam of Odisha are as detailed below:

Sr. No.	District	No. of Project sanctioned	Project cost (In Crore)
1	Ganjam	22	18.21
2	Boudh	7	4.25
3	Nayagarh	8	22.62
4	Kandhamal	12	221.00
	Total	49	266.08
