

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5342  
ANSWERED ON 03/04/2025

**LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADB AND GOVERNMENT FOR DRINKING WATER**

†5342. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any loan agreement has been signed between the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation in rural areas of Himachal Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the loan amount likely to be provided under the said agreement?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

(a) and (b) Yes. As reported by the Department of Economic Affairs, a loan agreement has been signed between Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for “Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project”. The project was signed on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 with external assistance of US \$96.3 million from ADB and the closing date of the loan is 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2028. The total cost of the project amounts to US \$139.10 million.

The project aims to provide safe, sustainable, gender-responsive, and inclusive rural water supply and rural sanitation services to approximately 620,000 people across 10 districts in Himachal Pradesh. The project will also upgrade existing rural water schemes and implement smart water management practices to ensure the effective management of new constructed and rehabilitated water supply assets. Furthermore, the project will pilot an inclusive sanitation program in one district to ensure safe management of faecal sludge before its disposal.

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