

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:1  
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003  
VILLAGES LACKING QUALITY DRINKING WATER  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the survey to identify the villages lacking quality drinking water has been completed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have set up monitoring committees at the Centre and at the State level to ensure the availability of quality drinking water in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the guidelines issued by the Union Government to State Governments in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement Referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.1 to be answered on 2.12.2003

(a) & (b) The survey to identify quality affected habitations ordered in 2000 has not been completed as per Guidelines by all the States. List of States who have completed the survey as per Guidelines is at Annexure I.

(c) & (d) The Government have set up Vigilance & Monitoring Committees at State/UT and District levels to effectively monitor implementation of all the programmes of Ministry of Rural Development, which, inter-alia, include Rural Water Supply Programmes - coverage of habitations, quality and availability of water.

The Guidelines in this regard were issued vide Order No.Q-13018/2/2002-AI(RD) dated 18th December, 2002.

Annexure I

Annex I referred to in reply to Parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 1 for answer on 2.12.2003

LIST OF STATES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Gujarat
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Punjab
5. Rajasthan
6. Tamil Nadu

N.B. The following States/UTs have reported that no water quality problem exists in the State/UT -

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Uttarakhand

3. Goa

4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli

5. Daman & Diu

6. Lakshadweep

7 Chandigarh