

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4680
ANSWERED ON:22.05.2006
DIGGING OF WELLS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Ground Water Board has started digging of wells in rural areas in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) constructs exploratory wells to delineate the potential aquifer zones and assess the potentiality of various geological formations in the country including rural areas in Uttar Pradesh. A total of 23847 borewells have been drilled by the CGWB through departmental rigs in the country till 31st March, 2006. Besides, the regular exploration programme of CGWB by deploying departmental rigs, exploratory wells were also got drilled through outsourcing in drought affected States. A total of 2125 exploratory wells have been drilled through outsourcing during the period 2001-2005. State-wise details of bore-wells drilled by CGWB departmentally and through outsourcing is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

(REFERENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4680 DATED 22.05.2006)

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF BORE-WELLS DRILLED BY CGWB DEPARTMENTALLY AND THROUGH OUTSOURCING

Sl. No.	STATE	NO. OF BORE WELLS DRILLED	
		THROUGH DEPARTMENTAL	THROUGH OUTSOURCING
RIGS			
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	2230	90
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	35	-
3.	Assam	508	-
4.	Bihar	924	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	658	300
6.	Goa	121	-
7.	Gujarat	1844	165
8.	Haryana	965	7
9.	Himachal Pradesh	154	-
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	478	-
11.	Jharkhand	481	50
12.	Karnataka	1929	120
13.	Kerala	649	10
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1465	332
15.	Maharashtra	1593	80
16.	Manipur	38	-
17.	Meghalaya	102	-
18.	Mizoram	6	-
19.	Nagaland	17	-
20.	Orissa	1568	439
21.	Punjab	438	-
22.	Rajasthan	2412	225
23.	Sikkim	40	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	1340	110
25.	Tripura	106	-
26.	Uttaranchal	185	-
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1855	197
28.	West Bengal	766	-
TOTAL		22960	2125
UNION TERRITORIES			

1.	Andaman & Nicobar	60	-
2.	Chandigarh	54	-
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	13	-
4.	Delhi	680	-
5.	Daman & Diu	3	-
6.	Pondicherry	77	-
TOTAL		887	-
GRAND TOTAL		23847	2125