

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2605

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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN DRINKING WATER SUPPLY .

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to take the task of safe drinking water on war footing with assistance from private sector; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b) Rural drinking water is a state subject and the role of the Central Government is only to supplement the efforts of the States in providing drinking water supply to the rural areas. It is upto the State Governments to decide about the involvement of the private sector.