

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF SWAJALDHARA SCHEME IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has received any proposal of financial assistance to cover all villages under Swajaldhara Scheme for the State Government of Gujarat;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to(c)No proposal from Gujarat Government for implementation of Swajaldhara Scheme in all the districts has been received. However, a proposal for covering villages in 13 districts of the State under Swajaldhara Scheme was received.

A decision to discontinue Swajaldhara in its present form has been taken on the basis of recommendations of Annual All India State Minister's Conference held in January 2006. In this conference various State Ministers made a recommendation and raised practical difficulties regarding compulsory community contribution in implementing the programme. However, the principles of Swajaldhara have been accepted by GoI , with the change only in the pattern of funding from Government of India to States from 90:10 central:community share to 50:50 share. The States can institutionalize and encourage community contribution as per local conditions as percentage component of their share.