

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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SAFE DRINKING WATER

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently conducted a survey to identify areas in each State/U.T. which is deficient in supply of drinking water:
- (b) if so. the outcome thereof. State/U.T.-wise: {
- (c) whether the available drinking water in these areas is also of inferior quality;
- (d) if so, the Schemes launched by the Government in this regard:
- (e) the targets fixed and achieved by each State/UT during each of the last three years under these Schemes; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure supply of clean drinking water to rural areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): The status of coverage of rural areas in terms of drinking water supply is reported on an annual basis by the States on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS). The status has been updated by the States as on 1.4.2011.

(c) to (f): As on 1/4/2011. States have reported that out of the 16.64,186 rural habitations in the country, there are 1,21,046 habitations remaining with some drinking water sources having water quality problems. In this regard, the Government supplements the efforts of the States with financial and technical assistance under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for providing adequate and safe drinking water to the rural areas. Upto 65% of total allocation of NRDWP funds to States can be utilised for coverage of partially covered and quality affected habitations. Budgetary allocations for NRDWP have been increased from Rs. 8000 cr. in 2009-10 to Rs. 9350 cr. in 2011-12. A statement giving the details of targets & achievements under NRDWP during the last three years is attached.