

Wells constructed under Million Wells Scheme

1211. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wells constructed in the, country under the Million Wells Scheme so far, State-wise; and

(b) -the break-up of those wells in Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and other Tribal areas. State-wise particularly in Himachal Pradesh which have a snow-bound area where the GADDIS, LOHLAS and other Tribal people are living?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The number of wells constructed under Million Wells Scheme since its inception in 1988-89 is given in Statement (*sec* below),

(b) The beneficiaries under Million Wells Scheme upto 1992-93 were only the poor small and marginal farmers belonging to SC and ST categories. From 1993-94, Million Wells Scheme was extended to cover non SOST beneficiaries with the stipulation that at least two-third of the funds utilised in a year should be spent on beneficiaries from SC and ST category. This Ministry does not monitor information separately for tribal and non-tribal areas. However, information relating to SC and ST beneficiaries State-wise is available and is given in the statement 'at Annexure-I. Information in respect of snow bound districts of Himachal Pradesh is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Statement

Total number of wells constructed upto August 98 under Million Wells Scheme since inception.

SI.	States/Uts	Total	Wells con- structed for SC ST*
No.		number of wells con- structed	
1	Andhra Pr.	110713	34853
2	Arunachal Pr.	534	540
3	Assam	11168	3441
4	Bihar	314043	61019
5	Goa	146	33
6	Gujarat	46518	20626
7	Haryana	6360	3390
8	Himachal Pr	1800	970
9	Jammu & Kash	12416	4972
10	Karnataka	31086	19296
11	Kerala	23365	12103
12	Madhya Pr.	233949	198947
13	Maharashtra	68412	27559
14	Manipur	2380	1819
15	Meghalaya	4508	3457
16	Mizoram	4466	3136
17	Nagaland	4219	2999
18	Orissa	170646	96657
19	Punjab	0	0
20	Rajasthan	52974	11449
21	Sikkim	740	272
22	Tamil Nadu	49994	16415
23	Tripura	9820	5737
24	Uttar Pr.	21236	2245
25	West Bengal	42045	10802
26	A&N Islands	46	39
27	D&N Haveli	151	102
28	Daman & Diu	3	140
29	Lakshadweep	140	8
30	Pondicheery	35	8
TOTAL		1223913	543034

*Most of the States have not reported no. of wells constructed separately for SC and ST.