

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Contaminated water in tea gardens of Assam

2946. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many persons working in the tea gardens of Assam died of cholera because of taking contaminated water; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to start any project to make available safe drinking water to poor workers working in the tea gardens?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) During 2010, 877 cases and 22 deaths due to cholera outbreak are reported from tea gardens in Sonitpur district of Assam. During the current financial year, no deaths due to cholera were reported in the tea garden area of Assam.

(b) The Government of Assam has taken up implementation of 18 piped water supply schemes and installation of 3,059 spot sources of different category in the tea gardens of Assam for providing safe drinking water.

### Action plan for safe drinking water

2947. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

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

(a) the details of action plan in coordination with the State Governments has been prepared or in process by your Ministry to provide safe drinking water in order to meet demand of rising population of the country for the coming five years;

(b) the quantum of fund that will be allocated in this regard;

(c) the quantum of fund allocated to State Government of Gujarat in this regard during the last three years till date; and

(d) whether the Ministry has approached or in process to issue directives or advisory to all State Governments for preparing action plan for strategic reserve of water resources for drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Working Group on Rural Domestic Water and Sanitation has prepared an approach paper for provision of safe drinking water during the next five years *i.e.* in the Twelfth Five Year Plan and submitted it to the Planning Commission.

(b) The provision for rural water supply in the Twelfth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalized.

(c) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the details of fund allocated to Gujarat during the last three years and current year are as given below.

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Allocation
2008-09	314.44
2009-10	482.75
2010-11	542.67
2011-12	485.11*

\*As on 30.11.2011

Under the NRDWP Guidelines, there is provision for preparation of Village Water Security Plan (VWSP) which *inter-alia* include the demographic, physical features, water sources, and other details of the village; available drinking water infrastructure and gaps; proposed work to augment the existing infrastructure and water sources; funding by dovetailing various funds available at village level and requirement of funds from rural water supply programmes,, details of management, operation and maintenance of the systems and sources, water safety plan, performance improvement plan when augmenting existing infrastructure and an operational plan for operating the scheme. Similarly, at district level, District Water Security Plan and at State level Comprehensive Water Security Plan are to be prepared.

#### Condition of drinking water and sanitation facilities

2948. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that supply of drinking water and sanitation facilities is very poor throughout the country especially in small towns and rural areas;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these two facilities are not available in schools and public places throughout the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, city-wise, town-wise, and village-wise including the money allocated for the purposes; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to improve the situation and time fixed for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) As per the 65 round National Sample Survey Organization Survey report 2008-09, access to improved drinking water sources is available to 90% of the rural population and 94% of the