

Safe drinking water for all in Odisha

2018. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages and hamlets in Odisha not covered by the safe drinking water supply;

(b) whether Government has made any survey or received any detailed estimate from the Odisha Government regarding the total amount required for Odisha to supply safe drinking water for all;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Odisha Government could not utilise the total funds given for drinking water and sanitation projects during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of funds sanctioned and utilised during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) As reported by the State Government of Odisha, out of 1,41,928 identified habitations, 68,921 habitations are fully covered and 73,007 habitations are partially covered through spot sources and piped water supply schemes. Hence no habitations are left without some drinking water source in the State. However, as on 1.4.2011, there were 14,811 habitations with water quality problems in one or more sources.

(b) As per Government of India Guidelines, the State Governments, including Odisha, are to prepare their Annual Action Plans regarding rural water supply in consultation with the Ministry. Funds are provided to the State Governments on the basis of criteria laid down in the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) guidelines. These funds are utilized by the States for implementing the Annual Action Plans. No other detailed requirement of funds has been submitted by the Odisha Government with respect to rural water supply.

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Government of Odisha, the details of funds released under NRDWP & Sanitation and utilized along with opening balances during the last three years are as given below:

(Amount in Rupees crore)

Year	Opening balance		Release during the year		Total available funds		Utilization of funds	
	RWS	Sanitation	RWS	Sanitation	RWS	Sanitation	RWS	Sanitation
2009-10	33.83	110.66	226.66	50.31	260.49	160.97	198.87	52.59
2010-11	61.62	108.38	294.76	68.37	356.38	176.75	194.80	49.28
2011-12	161.58	127.47	161.98	111.72	323.56	239.19	214.83	46.52

Funds not utilized by the State Government in a particular year are carried over for expenditure in the subsequent year.