

(b) and (c) Rural water supply is a State subject. This Ministry supplements the efforts of the States by providing them with technical and financial assistance under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for providing safe and adequate drinking water facilities in rural areas of the country. Up to 67 per cent of the NRDWP funds allocated to States can be utilized for tackling water quality problems in rural areas of the country. Further, 5% of NRDWP funds are earmarked and allocated to those States facing problems of chemical contamination in drinking water or with Japanese Encephalitis and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome affected high priority districts. Further up to 10 per cent of NRDWP funds allocated to States could be utilized for sustainability of drinking water sources through artificial recharge of ground water and other methods, which inter alia may also dilute the level of contamination in aquifers.

In order to make rural people aware of the quality of drinking water they are consuming, field test kits and bacterial vials/strips are supplied to every Gram Panchayat for surveillance of water quality including fluoride contamination and bacteriological contamination in the country for which 3% of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has been allocated on 100% central sharing basis as Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance funds which inter alia includes procurement of field test kits/vials and creation/improvement of water quality testing laboratories. In order to find out the source of bacteriological contamination, the Ministry has recommended all States to conduct sanitary surveys.

Jalmani Scheme

30. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Jalmani Scheme;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 9,600 rural schools have been identified to be covered under the scheme in Andhra Pradesh since its inception;
- (c) if so, whether it is also a fact that even after four years, only 3,400 rural schools have been covered;
- (d) if so, the reasons for the failure in achieving the targets; and

(e) what efforts the Ministry is making to cover all rural schools during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Jalmani programme was envisaged to provide safe drinking water at the consumption point in 1 lakh rural schools in the country by introducing stand alone water purification systems primarily to treat iron, turbidity and bacteriological contamination.

(b) to (d) Out of 1 lakh rural schools targeted for coverage under Jalmani programme in the country, Andhra Pradesh had a target of 9,618 rural schools. As reported by the State in the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 26/7/2013, implementation of standalone water purification systems in 3,598 schools has been completed. As reported by the State, the delay in implementation was due to non-availability of proper suppliers/contractors, though the work has been tendered many times.

(e) Funds under the Jalmani Programme was provided for only two years viz. 2008-09 and 2009-10, with Rs.100 crore provided in each of the years. Some States which *inter-alia* includes Andhra Pradesh are utilizing the balance funds available with them under the Jalmani to cover the remaining targeted schools.

In addition, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India is assisting the States technically and financially in providing safe drinking water facility to the rural areas under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Under mdw, upto 67% of funds allocated to States can be utilized for coverage and tackling water quality problems in rural habitations including providing safe drinking water in rural schools.

Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan in Andhra Pradesh

31. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages where Government is implementing Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;