

measures to tackle drinking water contamination due to arsenic

- (i) **Short-term Measures:** Supply based on Hand pump fitted tube wells at deeper aquifers; Ring wells.
- (ii) **Medium-term Measures:** Supply with Arsenic treatment unit attached to existing hand pump fitted tubewells; Arsenic removal plants for existing ground water based piped water supply schemes; Large diameter deeper aquifer tube wells for existing/new piped water supply schemes; New ground water based piped water supply schemes.
- (iii) **Long-term Measures:** Supply with surface water based water supply schemes.

The Plan suggests the setting up a concurrent monitoring system for illnesses arising out of chemical contamination which *inter-alia* includes Arsenic contamination.

(c) During the Twelfth Five Year Plan period (2012-17), an outlay of Rs. 68768 crores has been made for National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Under the NRDWP every year, States in consultation with the Ministry, implement their Annual Action Plans, which is aimed towards attaining the objectives laid out in the Strategic Plan.

Funds allocated to Uttarakhand

†1725. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated to Uttarakhand under drinking water and sanitation campaign for the current financial year;
- (b) whether State Government has utilized the funds allocated during previous financial year;
- (c) whether Ministry has verified utilization of funds by the States; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The allocation and release of funds under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to the State of Uttarakhand during the year 2013-14, as on 21.8.2013, is as below

(in Rs. crores)

Allocation	Release	Expenditure
154.82	68.79	0.17

As NBA is a demand driven programme, only tentative allocation of Rs. 20.56 crore has been made to Uttarakhand for the year 2013-14 under NBA, based on the projections made by State in its Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and unspent balances available as on 31/03/13. The same is subject to change based on the performance of the State during the year.

(b) Under the NRDWP, the allocation, release and utilization of funds by Uttarakhand in 2012-13 is as below:

(in Rs. crores)

Allocation	Release	Total Available Fund	Expenditure
159.74	74.28	216.02	139.62

Opening balance, central share released and expenditure during the year 2012-13 for Uttarakhand under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) earlier known as Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Opening Balance as on 1-4-2012	Funds released during 2012-13	Expenditure reported during 2012-13	Opening balance as on 1-4-2013
6.53	25.41	13.53	18.41

(c) and (d) Under the NRDWP the States are required to enter the data regarding the utilization of funds and coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply and other activities on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry, as per their Annual Action Plan. States submit the Utilization Certificates (UC) authenticating, the utilization of funds along with physical achievements of targets. The utilization of funds is also verified through Audit reports of State Accounts.

As per NBA guideline, States are required to submit the Utilization Certificate (UC) as well as Audited Statement of Accounts (ASA) of previous year before release of 2nd installments during current year. Uttarakhand has not submitted these documents for verification. In this regard, it is to be mentioned that no release has been made to Uttarakhand during 2013-14 due to high opening balance available with the State as on 1-4-2013.

Projects to address water quality problem

1726. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state whether 21 Mega Projects are being undertaken to address water quality problem and a mega project in Bramhgiri of Puri district and if so, the current position of these projects, and by when they are going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

As reported by the Government of Odisha, 21 mega piped water supply schemes have been proposed to provide safe drinking water facility in 1,331 habitations of Nuapada district of Odisha State at an estimated cost of Rs. 264.91 crore. Out of these 21 mega projects, 4 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.32 crore have been taken up for commissioning of which 2 projects are likely to be completed by March' 2014 and remaining two projects by March' 2015.

Of the remaining 17 projects, preparation of Detailed Project Report has been taken up and are be likely to be ready by October' 2013 so that out of these, 10