

(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

projects-could also be taken up and completed by March' 2015, subject to availability of funds.

Steps are being taken up for preparation of Detailed Project Report for the balance 7 projects by December' 2013 so that the project completion is expected to be completed by March' 2015, subject to availability of funds.

As reported by the Government of Odisha, in Puri district one mega piped water supply scheme covering 59 villages of Brahmagiri block has been taken up with financial assistance from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and the project is likely to be completed by March' 2018.

Safe drinking water in heavy metal affected rural areas

1727. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI ALOK TIWARI:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

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

(a) the details of the heavy metal affected rural areas of the country where provision of 100 per cent safe drinking water facility has been achieved, so far;

(b) the details of target for provision of safe drinking water in rural areas during last three years and the achievements made therein, State-wise;

(c) the details of districts affected by heavy metals has been provided 100 per cent safe drinking water during the current year, so far, along with the target for the same;

(d) whether Government's plan to provide safe drinking water in heavy metal affected rural areas has failed; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Drinking water supply is a State