

monitor water supply projects including water treatment plants has been delegated to them. Further, 5% of the NRDWP funds are earmarked for Water Quality and allocated to those States with habitations affected by excess chemical contamination and with high priority districts affected by Japanese Encephalitis/Acute Encephalitis Syndrome. In addition, 3% of funds allocated to the States are earmarked for water quality monitoring and surveillance activities on a 100% Central share basis which, *inter-alia*, includes testing of drinking water sources at the Panchayat level by using simple field test kits, upgrading of existing water quality testing laboratories and setting up of new State/district/sub-district water quality testing laboratories wherever such facility is not available or needed.

(c) As reported by the State of Karnataka 1069 Gram Panchayats of 6 blocks and 1 district are under 100% sanitation coverage category in Karnataka.

Coverage of NBA in Tamil Nadu

*52. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the number of districts to be covered under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in Tamil Nadu from current 29 during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) As on 3.12.2013, under the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA), District Projects for 29 districts, having rural areas, have been sanctioned and are under implementation in Tamil Nadu. Two additional districts of Tirupur and Ariyalur, having rural areas, in Tamil Nadu have been carved out from existing districts, where the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC)/NBA was already under implementation. Further, after the revamping of the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) into Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) in 2012, States have been asked to conduct a fresh Baseline Survey and submit District-wise revised Project Implementation Plans (PIPs) in which the new districts will be included. The Government of Tamil Nadu has not yet submitted their revised Project Implementation Plans for approval.

Percentage of ST students enrolled for higher studies

*53. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures undertaken by Government to reduce the gap