

श्री नरेश अग्रवाल : नहीं, यह संभव नहीं है । ...**(व्यवधान)**... कोई मंत्री जवाब दे । सरकार इसे गंभीरता से नहीं ले रही है । ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is the height of indiscipline. You have not given even a notice. You are coming and shouting! ...*(Interruptions)*... Those who are shouting have not given even a notice. Indiscipline and irresponsible behavior it is. It is unbecoming of a Parliamentarian; I am sorry to say this. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, I have not even started. ...*(Interruptions)*... I can't be heard. Let the House be in order. ...*(Interruptions)*... We can't hear, let the House be in order. How can I raise this important issue? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12 o'clock.

The House then adjourned at forty-nine minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair*

ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTION

Supply of piped water to households

*101. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and whether Government has achieved those aims and objectives;

(b) how many habitations were targeted to be covered under NRDWP during the Bharat Nirman Phase-I and how many of them have been actually covered, so far;

(c) whether Government has ascertained the drawbacks in achieving the targets and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address them for achieving the target; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any programme to provide piped water supply to every household in rural areas and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The aims and objective of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) is to provide every rural person with adequate safe water for drinking, cooking and other

basic domestic needs on a sustainable basis, with prescribed water quality standards. Achieving this aim and objective is a continuous process.

(b) Against the target of covering 55,067 uncovered, 3,31,604 slipped-back and 2,16,968 quality affected habitations, during Bharat Nirman Phase-I (01.04.05 to 31.03.09) 54,440 un-covered, 3,58,362 slipped-back and 50,168 quality-affected habitations were covered with provision of safe and adequate drinking water supply.

(c) The reasons for not fully achieving the targets of coverage of quality affected habitations is due to high capital costs of large multi-village schemes to bring water from distant safe sources, time taken for planning, designing, sanctioning, procuring, execution and commissioning of such schemes, lowering of ground water table; drinking water sources becoming contaminated due to natural and man-made causes; poor operation and management and emergence of new habitations, procurement issues etc.

(d) Under the Centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry is giving special emphasis on piped water supply through perineal surface water sources in rural habitations. The Ministry has prepared a strategic plan extending the piped water supply to more households in the rural areas. The interim goal till 2017 is to cover 50% of all rural households with piped water supply. By 2022, the goal is to cover 90% rural households with piped water supply.

RE. AN ISSUE ABOUT SHARDA SCAM

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN (West Bengal): Sir, I have given a notice ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 101. ...(*Interruptions*)... You can renew your notice.

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, one second ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, I gave two notices in the morning ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: We know that ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: No, no, Sir. Sir, hon. Deputy Chairman told me in the morning and advised me. I have given a notice for suspension of Question Hour; one in the morning and one in Zero Hour. * name appears in the Sahara Diary ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please don't take name. Please, please sit down ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Sir, this name appears in the Sahara Diary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 101. ...(*Interruptions*)... Please sit down ...(*Interruptions*)...

* Not recorded.