

Statement*Fluoride affected rural habitations in Telangana emerged in the year 2012-13*

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Fluoride affected habitations as on 1.4.2012	Fluoride affected habitations as on 1.4.2013	Total fluoride affected habitations that emerged during 2012-13
1.	Adilabad	4	5	1
2.	Karimnagar	15	267	252
3.	Khammam	1	42	41
4.	Mahaboobnagar	10	175	165
5.	Medak	0	120	120
6.	Nalgonda	61	142	81
7.	Nizamabad	0	89	89
8.	Rangareddy	3	139	136
9.	Warangal	0	370	370
TOTAL		94	1349	1255

Crisis of drinking water

†1614. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- the main reasons for the current crisis of drinking water in the country; and
- whether Government is working out any special scheme to provide clean drinking water to people in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) The scarcity of drinking water in the country has occurred due to less rainfall in many parts of the country during the last two years which has resulted in the depletion of groundwater table due to inadequate recharge. As most of rural drinking water supply schemes are based on groundwater source, this has resulted in failure of such schemes in some parts of the country. In addition, inadequate rain has resulted in depletion of water in major storage reservoirs in the country and this has compounded the problem of water availability for drinking purpose.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Rural drinking water is a State subject. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, is exerting joint efforts with states towards providing clean drinking water to people in the rural areas on sustained basis throughout the year under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Under NRDWP 10% of the allocation is for sustainability component to be used exclusively to achieve drinking water security by adopting conjunctive use of surface water, rain water and ground water and construction of water recharging structures with major emphasis on water quality affected areas, overexploited, critical and semi-critical areas as specified by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), and any other area that the State Government has identified as water stressed area.

The focus of the Ministry now is to move towards rural water supply schemes based on safe and perennial surface water sources to ensure long term sustainability of source and drinking water security in the event of crisis including drought.

Non-functional toilets in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

1615. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of household toilets granted by the Ministry during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that, as per the baseline survey of 2013, 20 per cent of toilets have become defunct and the percentage is as high as 66 per cent in Jharkhand and 59 per cent in Chhattisgarh; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry looks at it and what efforts the Ministry is making to keep every toilet functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) State/UT-wise number of Individual Household Latrines constructed during the last five years is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) Toilets are defunct for reasons like poor quality of construction, incomplete structure, non-maintenance, etc. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), the incentive for individual toilet has been increased from ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 12,000 to construct good quality toilets. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is also laying more focus on behaviour change and usage of toilets. The focus on capacity building has been increased, since there is a need to improve skills, especially those pertaining to community processes and triggering for collective behaviour change. In order to expand these skills and train the key stakeholders, State level workshops involving