

**Setting up of solar pumps for supply of drinking water in Chhattisgarh**

†1510. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was proposed to ensure the availability of drinking water in the remote settlements of Chhattisgarh with the help of solar pumps of which only 960 solar pumps out of 1,722 have been set up;

(b) whether the installation of about 3,000 solar pumps is proposed in the State for which funds worth ₹ 73.05 crore is required from the centre;

(c) whether 466 villages selected under the rural water scheme which is already underway are yet to receive funds from the centre; and

(d) whether the centre would release funds to complete the infrastructure without any delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) Yes Sir. During 2012-13, a scheme with the assistance of National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) and balance funding from National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for installation of Solar Energy based dual pumps for piped drinking water supply was started by this Ministry. Under this scheme, 2014 solar energy based dual pumps had been targeted in 10 Integrated Action Plan (IAP) districts of Chhattisgarh. As reported by State on online portal of the Ministry, State has achieved the entire target.

(b) Yes Sir. This Ministry started another scheme in October, 2014 for the installation of such solar pumps with the collaboration of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). Under this scheme, the State of Chhattisgarh was given a target of the installation of 2000 solar energy based dual pumps for which no separate funds are to be released from this Ministry and the State Government is to undertake the work using funds under coverage and sustainability components of NRDWP and the subsidy from MNRE given on solar panel component of the scheme.

(c) and (d) As reported by State Government, 466 pipe water supply schemes amounting ₹ 194.99 crore has been sanctioned under NRDWP. Out of the total allocation of NRDWP Central Share of ₹ 65.83 crore for 2016-17, ₹ 32.44 crore has already been released to the State till date. Also, during 2015-16, ₹ 60.83 crore had been released to the State Government as NRDWP central share.

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