

**People dependent on wells for drinking water**

†\*210. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people in the country still depend on wells for drinking water;
- (b) whether it is a fact that water from wells is not safe enough for health;
- (c) if so, whether Government has taken any corrective action in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) Yes Sir. The detail of habitations and population dependent on wells for drinking water is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) If the location of the well is in the vicinity of a leach pit latrine and the ground water table is high, there is a possibility of bacteriological contamination.

(c) and (d) During various review meetings and Workshops, the State Governments have been advised to take up measures like the following:

- Proper distance should be maintained between a water source and a leach pit toilet.
- Boiling of water be practised so that possibility of bacteriological contamination is removed before human consumption.
- Pot chlorination may be adopted so that open wells are disinfected regularly.
- Open wells need to be covered to reduce possibility of algal growth.

To create awareness on the above activities, States have been further advised to spend funds provided under Support and Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance components of National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) administered by this Ministry.

In addition to above, States are encouraged to move towards more piped water supply schemes subject to availability of resources. For this, in addition to NRDWP funds, States have been advised to pool funds from State Plan as well as External Assistance/ internal borrowings from lending agencies.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement******Details of No. of habitations and population dependent on wells for drinking water as on 30.11.2016***

Name of State	Habs where Exists	Population of Habs Openwell Exists	Habs where Deep Well Exists	Population of Habs Deep Where Tubewell Exists	Habs where Shallow Tubewell Exists	Population of Habs Shallow Tubewell	Habs where Infiltration well Exists	Population of Habs Infiltration well Exists	Habs where Khadins/ Nadis/ Tankas/ Ponds/ Wells/ Ooranis Exists	Population of Habs Nadis/ Tankas/ Ponds/ Wells/ Ooranis Exists
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Andaman and Nicobar	58	53928	5	6104	0	0	5	3040	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	3315	2560783	42429	34448558	326	349023	771	1582612	2820	3667039
Arunachal Pradesh	366	156587	325	109206	19	11298	0	0	1	112
Assam	20901	7961625	20981	8291518	42378	15560061	605	227456	88	28352
Bihar	435	906023	87282	79093234	45631	51791630	24	52853	1	1048
Chattisgarh	1745	552403	73408	19652195	1110	229175	365	95414	121	26911
Goa	38	93685	28	70575	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gujarat	5641	7493749	24940	29848832	6371	7966986	46	61519	44	59440		
Haryana	72	227728	5726	13531834	759	1987204	171	440129	0	0		
Himachal Pradesh	1769	266626	8584	2147461	1356	348981	710	131245	157	22983		
Jammu and Kashmir	265	208695	4695	4348605	59	48236	32	31990	2	3252		
Jharkhand	2513	859187	116522	26365296	508	228861	185	97708	68	14121		
Karnataka	13331	6939842	45994	37870721	1991	3588639	113	160603	58	94765		
Kerala	1560	3821957	721	1609664	221	493643	5	9698	158	331922		
Madhya Pradesh	5662	4216445	123123	52051646	8106	2843310	46	51099	34	39529		
Maharashtra	45081	40405338	34875	23953101	11889	10355180	1514	1031673	26	21472		
Manipur	41	39035	243	351382	10	22716	0	0	25	29518		
Meghalaya	2307	560585	431	200916	134	76226	87	17448	70	15307		
Mizoram	0	0	16	22170	10	13338	0	0	56	36984		
Nagaland	247	247243	38	30032	12	12479	0	0	0	0		
Odisha	6013	1934011	138222	33602644	11386	3042617	1967	362356	40	15602		
Puducherry	1	1475	185	366583	1	2507	2	10163	0	0		
Punjab	101	156866	9153	13291715	1122	1192995	15	18150	0	0		
Rajasthan	3537	3824337	40873	25336630	37663	19129052	268	240222	234	262099		

*Written Answers to*

[5 December, 2016]

*Starred Questions*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sikkim	0	0	5	1086	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	5561	2680772	92783	37196740	7999	3676958	6353	3399296	10	5649
Telangana	3115	4456704	24054	22472629	1	563	202	389665	3205	3645776
Tripura	2033	1138695	4294	2620064	5674	2842531	130	39092	1	68
Uttar Pradesh	4872	8488491	179910	143967180	81614	70902007	191	266476	1	249
Uttarakhand	14	17730	2539	2690963	567	446471	21	3504	3834	440293
West Bengal	960	728111	83153	60313458	6865	5762763	3	13452	20	30059
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131554</b>	<b>100998656</b>	<b>1165537</b>	<b>675862742</b>	<b>273782</b>	<b>202925450</b>	<b>13831</b>	<b>8736863</b>	<b>11074</b>	<b>8792550</b>