

(c) As per the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Office in 2015, in rural India, out of the households having sanitary toilet, 95.6% people were found to be using toilets. In order to further promote usage, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) focuses on behaviour change and involvement of communities in the process of making their villages open defecation free. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and National Rural Drinking Water Programme guidelines also provide for a conjoint approach in the implementation of the programmes of sanitation and water to maximize the availability of water for sanitation purposes.

Clean drinking water for arsenic affected areas

†2898. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that all could get safe drinking water at places which are having arsenic in water and that water borne diseases do not spread among Indian citizens;

(b) the number of districts/places in States/Union Territories duly identified by Government where such problems are rampant; and

(c) the reasons for presence of arsenic in water and the details of current status of decision taken previously by Government to eradicate this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) As per the Centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), administered by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, every rural citizen should have access to a basic minimum service level of 40 (forty) litres per capita per day (LPCD) of safe drinking water, including arsenic affected areas. The Ministry promotes provision of piped water supply from safe drinking water sources throughout rural India, including arsenic affected areas, and the water treatment plants shall have proper disinfection facilities so that bacteriological contamination does not occur. The Ministry administers the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin Programme, which aims at making rural India Open Defecation Free (ODF) by October, 2019 which would help in controlling spread of water borne diseases.

(b) The unit of coverage under NRDWP is habitation which is a part of Gram Panchayat. Details of State-wise number of water quality affected habitations which are yet to be provided safe drinking water as on 07.12.2016 are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ NO. 2887, part (b)].

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The presence of arsenic in drinking water is due to geological reasons. The role of the Government is to provide piped water supply preferably from surface water bodies, especially in arsenic affected areas, through the currently administered National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) which was earlier called as Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

Assistance to States for drinking water and sanitation

†2899. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to States under drinking water and sanitation campaign in the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) the names of States which have not utilized the allocated amount completely;

(c) whether there are States which have not utilized the allocated money during the last financial year; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of amount allocated to States for rural water supply and utilization of funds by them under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in the current financial year are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) State/UT-wise details of Opening balance, Central share released and utilised during 2016-17 under SBM(G) as per the information on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) SBM(G) are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) and (d) The State-wise details of utilization of funds during last financial year (comprising % utilization of the fund in 2015-16 and closing balance as on 31.03.2016) under NRDWP for rural water supply by the States are given in Statement-III (*See below*).

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) State/UT-wise, Opening balance, Central share released and utilised during 2015-16 under SBM(G) as per the information on the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of SBM(G) are given in Statement-IV.

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