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#### **Shortage of drinking water in Assam**

873. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam faces acute shortage of drinking water despite being on the bank of Brahmaputra which is a perennial river, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the rural habitations that have access to safe drinking water in Assam;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to tackle the problem of drinking water in the State of Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds allocated during each of last three years and the current year; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) As reported by Government of Assam, as on 05.02.2020, 63.42% rural habitations having 59.41% population have provision of 40 litre or more per capita per day of potable drinking water and 26.93% rural habitations having 29.77% population have service level of less than 40 litre per person per day potable water, whereas 9.64% rural habitations having 10.81% population have water sources with quality issues in the State.

(c) and (d) To enable every rural household with Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) / across the country including Assam, Government of India, in partnership with States has launched Jal Jeevan Mission which aims at providing potable water at service level of 55 litre per capita per day (Ipcd) by 2024. The estimated outlay of the Mission is ₹ 3.60 lakh crore out of which Central share is of ₹ 2.08 lakh crore.

Details of Central allocation for the State of Assam under JJM for the current year and under erstwhile National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for the last three years are as under:—

(₹ in crore)

Financial Year	Central Allocation
2016-17	401.43
2017-18	524.10
2018-19	567.89
2019-20	794.95

(e) Does not arise.

#### **Setting up of National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency**

874. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to update the National Water Policy and make key changes in water governance structure and regulatory framework;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to set up a National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) To address the present challenges in water sector, revision of National Water Policy has been envisaged by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti and a drafting committee has been constituted on 5th November, 2019 to revise the National Water Policy. The main objective of the National Water Policy is to take cognizance of the existing situation in water sector, to propose a framework for creation of a system of laws and institutions and for a plan of action with a unified national perspective in planning, management and use of water resources.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has prepared a draft Memorandum with proposed structure and activities of National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency for consideration of the Committee on Establishment Expenditure.