

(c) the details of the meeting and the decisions taken in the meeting to sort out the differences between the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (c) No information regarding "apex Pacific Environmental Exchange council" is available in the Ministry. However, the second meeting of the Apex Council constituted under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 was scheduled to be held on 25.08.2020. The meeting was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

Supply of piped drinking water in Kerala

889. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in Kerala which have piped drinking water;
- (b) the number of villages proposed to be covered under the scheme in the current financial year; and
- (c) by when all the villages will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) As on 14.09.2020, the State Government has reported that 1,562 villages in Kerala have piped water supply system.

(b) and (c) Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - Har Ghar Jal, which aims at providing potable water through tap water connection to all rural households in every village by 2024. Government of Kerala has planned to provide tap water connection to all the remaining households of 586 villages in the current financial year.

Technology to remove Arsenic and Fluoride in drinking water

890. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether current household apparatuses available in the market for pure drinking water is technologically equipped to remove Arsenic and Fluoride contents, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the municipal water filter systems across the country is equipped to remove toxic impurities like Arsenic, Fluoride etc. from water;