

TRIBAL AREA SUB PLAN

The programme under the water supply sub-sector envisages, the provision of the safe drinking water facilities to the rural and urban areas of the State. As per 2001 census the tribal population in Gujarat is 74.81 lakhs which comes to 14.76% of the total population of State. Under Integrated Tribal Development Project, tribal area population is 61.38 lakh. this tribal population is covered in 43 talukas of eleven districts and 15 pockets and 4 clusters.

Under Rural Water Supply Programme, various programmes like Hand pumps, Mini pipe, Piped water supply schemes (Individual or multi villages) are being taken up according to the technical feasibility of drinking water source. Under state budget, 17.57% of total budget allocation are earmarked for tribal areas under water supply sector.

Various activities under rural water supply programme are being taken up under tribal area are briefed below.

(1) Hand Pump:

Programme for drilling hand pump considering 1 hand pump per 50 person. As the tribal areas are characterized by hilly terrain, hand pump is the technically feasible source of drinking water. A total number of 1,11,543 hand pumps are installed in tribal areas as on 12/2007 ending .

(2) Mini Pipe:

This scheme consist of installation of single phased power pump on bore of 165 mm dia, water will be stored in a storage tank of @ 10,000 liters capacity and then distributed on stand post. By end of December, 2007, 1186 mini pipe schemes are completed.

(3) Regional Water Supply Scheme:

Where Individual water supply scheme is not feasible, Rural Regional Water Supply Schemes are being implemented based on assured/ sustainable drinking water sources. Such 54 Rural Regional Water Supply Schemes covering 872 habitations are completed. Completed rural regional water supply schemes are operated and maintained by GWSSB. and 21 schemes covering 2740 habitations are under progress.

(4) Sujalam Suphalam Yojana:

The State government has identified 10 worst water scare districts of North Gujarat, Central Gujarat, Saurashtra and Kutch which are being covered under the Sujalam Suphalam Yojana (SSY). These districts are Ahmedabad, Patan, Banaskantha, Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Dahod, Panchmahals, Surendranagar and Kutch.

Sujalam Suphalam Yojana is also under implementation, in which 506 tribal habitations are planned to be covered with sustainable drinking water source. Out of which 188 habitations are covered.

(5) Integrated Tribal Development Programme:

Under this programme, backward areas of tribal like, 25 villages of Vansada taluka(Dist : Navsari) and 30 villages of Dharampur taluka , 45 villages of Kaporada taluka (Dist : Valsad) aggregating to 100 villages are taken up under community managed water supply and sanitation programme.

(6) Swajaldhara/Sector Reform Programme:

It is planned to provide water through piped infrastructure in tribal areas. The in-village water supply facilities are provided through WASMO under the principles of Swajaldhara and Sector Reform, in which 90% of estimated cost is borne by Government of India/ Government of Gujarat and rest 10% is taken from local body. The schemes are planned, implemented and maintained and operated by Pani Samities.