

Water Supply and Sanitation

41. Due to rapid urbanisation and industrialisation, the challenge of providing basic amenities is mounting. Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) is aimed to provide safe and adequate drinking water supply facilities to the entire population of towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 Census) in the country. As on 13.11.1998, water supply schemes had been approved for 286 towns in various states, which account for 13.3 per cent of the total number of towns having a population up to 20,000. Table 10.12 gives percentage coverage of population with drinking water and sanitation facilities in urban and rural areas. The Central budgetary provision has been enhanced to Rs.1727 crore in 1998-99 (BE) from Rs.1402 crore in 1997-98 (RE) for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation.

TABLE 10.12				
Population Covered with Drinking Water and Sanitation Facilities				
(Percentage coverage as on March 31)				
Item/Area	1985	1990	1995	1997 (Estimated)
Drinking Water Supply				
Rural	56.3	73.9	82.80	86.74
Urban	72.9	83.8	84.33#	90.62@
Sanitation Facilities				
Rural	0.7	2.4	3.59	6.37*
Urban	28.4	45.9	49.91#	49.32@
#	As on 31.3.1993			
*	With Government initiative under CRSP, MNP, JRY and IAY			
@	Tentative figure.			
Source :	Ministries of Rural Areas & Employment and Urban Affairs and Employment			