

Water Supply in Himachal Pradesh

All 16997 villages in the State as per census 1991 were provided with safe drinking water facility by March,1994. Thereafter, the focus shifted from village to habitation. As per the survey of 2003, which was finalized in March, 2005, 51,848 habitations were identified. Of these, 20,112 were categorized as fully covered (FC) and 31,736 habitations as non-covered and partially covered (9389 NC and 22347 PC). These 31,736 habitations have been categorized as slipped back habitations as per revised guidelines of the Central Government. The Bharat Nirman programme also includes drinking water supply as one of the component. The year-wise status of covered and balance habitations to be covered is given in the following table :-

Status of Habitations Covered

Period	NC (0-10 lpcd)	PC (11-39 lpcd)	FC	Total
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Status as on 1-04-2005	9389	22347	20112	51848
Habitations covered during 2005-06 under State & Central Sector	1123	827	-	1950
Status as on 1-04-2006	8266	21520	22062	51848
Habitations covered during 2006-07 under State & Central Sector	1678	2016	-	3694
Status as on 1-04-2007	6588	19504	25756	51848
Habitations covered during 2007-08 under State & Central Sector	1533	2977	-	4510
Status as on 1-04-2008	5055	16527	30266	51848
Habitations covered during 2008-09 under State & Central Sector	1423	4106	-	5529
Status as on 1-04-2009	3632	12421	35795	51848

With the coming up of National Rural Drinking Water Supply guidelines w.e.f. 1-04-2009, after realignment/mapping of habitations, there are 53205 habitations in the State. Out of these, 19473 habitations (7632 habitations with population coverage >0 and <100+11841 habitations with 0 population coverage) are having inadequate drinking water. The criteria of coverage of habitations has been changed to population coverage to ensure water security at household level. All these 19473 habitations will be covered in a phased manner by March, 2012 in line with Govt. of India guidelines.

As per data realignment, the status of habitations as on 1-04-2009 is given below:-

Total No. of Habitations	Habitations with 100% population coverage	Habitations with population coverage >0 & <100	Habitations with 0 population coverage	Total (Col.3+Col.4)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
53205	33732	7632	11841	19473
	63.40%	14.34%	22.25%	36.60%