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**About 45.73% of households in the state have been provided with tapped drinking water:
DWS Minister**

About 45.73% of households in the state have already been provided with tapped drinking water. The state government is working in mission mode to deliver clean drinking water to every household in the state by December 2022. With the assistance of the central government and under the guidance of the Chief Minister, deep tube wells, shallow tube wells, iron removal plants and innovative projects are being implemented, stated DWS Minister Sushanta Choudhury while discussing the Private Member Resolution brought up by MLA Parimal Debbarma on the first day of the assembly session yesterday. The Private Member Resolution raised by MLA Parimal Debbarma was that the Tripura Government Department should take more proactive initiatives to provide drinking water connection to every household in slum areas through piped water connection in the state within the stipulated time as per 'Jal Jeevan Mission' programme.

DWS Minister said in the assembly said, one of the important flagship programmes of the central government is to provide clean drinking water to every household in the country. Out of 19 crore 31 lakh 99 thousand 823 households in the country, drinking water has already been supplied to 9 crore 22 lakh 1 thousand 562 households spending 2 lakh crore rupees. He further said, prior to 2016, only about 3% of households in the state had access to drinking water. Out of 7 lakh 60 thousand 52 houses in our state, 3 lakh 47 thousand 569 houses have been provided with drinking water connection till date. Out of 8,723 habitations in the state, 1,196 habitations have been provided with 100% drinking water connection. In addition, in 904 habitations 85 to 100%, the work of providing water connection to 992 habitations is ongoing in mission mode. Work will begin in the rest of the habitations soon. DWS Minister in the assembly said, out of 1,178 Gram Panchayats (GP) and Village Committees (VC) in the state, 100% drinking water connections have been provided in 30 GPs and VCs. Also 70 to 100% drinking water connection has been provided in 157 GPs and VCs. Work is ongoing in full swing to provide water connection to cover the remaining households. He said, Dhalai district and hilly areas of the state have been given utmost priority in this programme. The state government currently has more than 100 high power rig machines to create water sources in these areas. Emphasis is being given on setting up iron removal plants using modern technology. He hoped that the work would be completed within the stipulated time. This Private Member Resolution was also discussed by MLA Ranjit Das and MLA Sankar Roy. The proposal was later accepted by the meeting.
