Rural Water Supply

Public Health Engineering Department was created in 1956. The department is entrusted with the responsibility of providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities in rural areas of Assam.

PHED carries out aforementioned activities in rural areas of Assam thorough
- Two centrally sponsored flagship programmes namely
  - NRDWP (National Rural Drinking Water Programme) and
  - Swachh Bharat Mission (G)
- Different State Govt. Programme like SCSP (Scheduled caste sub plan), TSP (Tribal sub plan), SPA (Special plan assistance)
- Externally Aided Programme like World Bank aided project.

National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP)
This programme was launched in April 2009 by the then Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation presently Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, for assisting states in providing drinking water to the rural population of India. This programme has been emphasizing on water supply systems which are planned and managed by the community at the village level, for ensuring sustainable drinking water availability, convenient delivery systems and achieving water security at the household level.

Major Components of NRDWP (Renamed in April, 2009)
1. Programme Activities,
2. Support Activities
3. Water Quality Monitoring

Programme Activity may be sub-divided into:
- Coverage of Partially Covered habitations, Slipped Back habitations, Coverage of Schools & Anganwadi Centres
- Coverage of Quality affected Habitations
- Operation & Maintenance
- Sustainability component