GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 82
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF JJM FOR DESERT AREAS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy decision for priority in implementation of "Jal Jeevan Mission"(JJM), for desert areas, Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe majority villages in States/UTs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is willing to have a specific strategy and has revised matching grant, under which special incentive to desert areas, Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe majority villages is proposed under JJM, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering impact of COVID-19 pandemic on rural economy for revising the matching grant of Government to States for JJM, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTEROF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b) Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to provide assured potable tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.

Under the mission, priority has been given to water quality-affected habitations, villages falling in drought prone & desert areas, SC/ST majorityvillages, villages in Aspirational and JE–AES affected districts, and Sansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) villages to provide tap water connections for clean tap water supply.Further, 30% weightage is assigned for difficult terrains which inter alia includes areas under desert and drought prone areasand 10% weightage is assigned for population residing in SC/ ST dominated villages, while allocating the fund,to prioritize the coverage in these areas.

(c) To boost the rural economy, Government of India has made budgetary provision of more than Rs. 50 thousand Crore in 2021-22 for the implementation of JJM, which was Rs. 11 thousand crore in 2020-21. At present, keeping in view the recommendations of sub-groups of Chief Ministers for centrally sponsored programmes inter alia including Jal Jeevan Mission, the fund sharing pattern between Centre and State is 100% for UTs without legislature, 90:10 for North Eastern &Himalayan States& UTs with legislature and 50:50 for rest of the States.

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