

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/04/2022

WATER CONNECTIONS IN REMOTE AREAS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any concrete plan to ensure water connections to the people living in remote areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what per cent of the rural population in the country are facing scarcity of water, details thereof for last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) Since August 2019, Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission, in partnership with States after subsuming erstwhile National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household by 2024. The estimated outlay of the mission is Rs. 3.60 lakh Crore, out of which Central share is Rs. 2.08 lakh Crore.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, out of 18.93 Crore rural households, 3.23 Crore (17%) households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, more than 6.12 Crore (31.65%) rural households have been provided with tap water connections in last two and half years. Thus, as of date, out of 19.32 Crore rural households in the country, 9.35 Crore (48.40%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes. The State/ UT, district & village-wise status of tap water connection in rural households, schools and anganwadi centres etc. as reported by States/ UTs is in public domain and available on JJM dashboard at:

<https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx>

As reported by States/ UTs, as on 29.03.2022, out of 17.01 lakh rural habitations of the country, 13.25 lakh (77.90%) habitations having 78.07% population have provision of potable drinking water with supply level of more than 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) and 3.47 lakh (20.37%) habitations having 20.57% population with supply level of less than 40 lpcd with sources at a reasonable distance and 0.29 lakh (1.73%) rural habitations having 1.36% population are reported to have water quality issues in drinking water sources. Year-wise status reported is as under:

As on		01.04.2017	01.04.2018	01.04.2019	01.04.2020	01.04.2021
Total	Habitations (in lakh)	17.26	17.26	17.26	17.02	17.02
	Population (in crore)	91.99	91.83	95.52	95.10	95.81
Rural habitations provided with 40 lpcd or more of potable water	Habitations	76.78%	78.86%	80.92%	78.58%	77.59%
	Population	70.91%	72.91%	76.36%	77.17%	77.74%
Rural habitations provided with less than 40 lpcd of potable water	Habitations	18.89%	17.39%	15.75%	18.24%	20.60%
	Population	23.44%	22.32%	19.71%	19.82%	20.82%
Rural habitations having water sources with quality issues	Habitations	4.33%	3.75%	3.33%	3.18%	1.80%
	Population	5.65%	4.77%	3.94%	3.01%	1.44%
