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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 400 ANSWERED ON 06/02/2023

PROVISION OF SAFE DRINKING WATER

400 SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government plan to provide safe drinking water throughout the year in the country at present;

(b) the number of villages where safe drinking water is not available for 365 days even today;

(c) whether Government has made any scheme to provide safe drinking water in every village of the country for 365 days; and

(d) if so, the number of villages to which drinking water has been provided under this scheme during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) To enable every rural household in all villages in the country, to have potable tap water supply by 2024, through tap water connections, at a service level of 55 litre per capita per day (lpcd), of prescribed quality (BIS:10500), on regular and long-term basis, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal, since August 2019.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/UTs, as on 02.02.23, more than 7.83 Crore rural households have been provided with tap water connections in last three and half years. Thus, as on 02.02.2023, out of 19.36 Crore rural households in the country, around 11.07 Crore (57%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes. Further, as reported, provision of safe drinking water at reasonable distance have been made in all 16.95 lakh rural habitations spread across 6 lakh rural villages in the country except in 24,543 habitations in 11,877 villages which are reported to have water quality issues in drinking water sources.

State/UT and district-wise details of villages, getting tap drinking water are in public domain on JJM Dashboard and can be accessed at: