

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2015

ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023

ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA IN MAHARASHTRA

2015. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Atal Bhujal Yojana, an initiative for ensuring the long-term sustainability of ground water was launched by Government, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of foreign or private collaborators under the scheme alongwith the details of such collaborators therein;
- (c) the number of villages in Maharashtra that have been covered so far under this scheme, district wise;
- (d) whether improvements have been made on various parameters under Atal Bhujal Yojana in Maharashtra as per the mandate of the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Government of India is implementing Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) in identified water stressed Gram Panchayats (GPs) pertaining to 80 districts of Seven States viz. Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh with an aim to arrest decline in ground water level through community led sustainable groundwater management. The scheme is being implemented from 01.04.2020 for a period of 5 years.

One of the important aspect of the scheme is preparation of Water Security Plans (WSPs) at GP level by the communities having details about water budget and proposed supply side interventions such as check dams, farm ponds, recharge shafts and other artificial recharge / water conservation structures and demand side interventions such as micro-irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines etc. These interventions are being executed through convergence of various ongoing Central / State Government Schemes by concerned line departments

This is the first scheme of its kind which involve community-based planning; monitoring; sharing and use of groundwater data; capacity building of all stakeholders to demystify the complex science of groundwater; community led groundwater management through a combination of demand side / supply side management measures.

(b) Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) is being implemented in collaboration with World Bank with financial assistance of Rs. 3000 cr. as loan.

(c) Information is attached at **Annexure**.

(d) & (e) Initially, the focus of the scheme was to establish institutional mechanism for sustainable ground water management which has been successfully done in all participating states including Maharashtra. Further, the scheme aims at bringing behavioral change in the communities towards using more and more water saving techniques. This is being done through rigorous IEC and awareness activities at GP level. In addition, communities are being hand-held for building their capacities for monitoring ground water data and preparing water budget and WSP for their GP. All 1133 WSPs of Maharashtra have been prepared. Participating states including Maharashtra are being incentivized on bringing irrigated area under water saving techniques such as micro irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines, feeder separation etc. Under the scheme, Maharashtra has brought an area of 37777 ha. under water efficient practices.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2015 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 07.08.2023 REGARDING “ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA IN MAHARASHTRA”.

ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA

Number of villages covered in Maharashtra that have been covered so far under Atal Bhujal Yojana

Districts-13 , Block/Taluka-43, Grampanchayats-1133, Villages-1442

District	Block/Taluka	Gram Panchayat	Villages covered
Ahmednagar	Karjat	21	24
	Rahata	11	11
	Sangamner	68	75
Amravati	Chandurbazar	24	55
	Morshi	27	75
	Warud	42	84
Buldhana	Malkapur	1	1
	Motala	41	68
Jalgaon	Amalner	27	31
	Parola	24	32
	Rever	6	7
	Yawal	43	45
Jalna	Ghansawangi	15	20
	Jalna	8	8
	Patur	14	14
Latur	Chakur	19	21
	Latur	58	66
	Nilanga	29	39
	Renapur	8	9
	Shirur Anantpal	1	1
Nagpur	Katol	60	108
	Narkhed	11	14
Nashik	Deola	37	42
	Nashik	4	4
	Sinnar	75	85
Osmanabad	Omerga	3	5
	Osmanabad	45	50
Pune	Baramati	66	73
	Indapur	3	3
	Purandar	37	42
Sangli	Jath	21	22
	Kavathemahankal	44	44
	Khanapur-Vita	13	13
	Miraj	2	2
	Tasgaon	14	14
Satara	Khatav	31	32
	Mahabaleshwar	1	1
	Man	35	39
	Wai	30	43
Solapur	Madha	19	19
	Malshiras	64	68
	Mohol	23	25
	Pandharpur	8	8