

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1675
TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 18, 2023
IMPACT OF AMRUT

NO. 1675. DR. K. LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of percentage coverage of access to the piped water supply and sewerage facility in urban areas of the country;
- (b) the details of percentage coverage during 2018 to 2023; and
- (c) whether the access to piped water supply has impacted the lives of women in urban areas?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) to (c): Drinking Water & Sanitation is a State Subject. However, Government of India through its various programs, schemes, advisory etc., supplement the efforts of the State Government in this regard. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched on 25th June 2015 in selected 500 cities (covering around 60% of Urban Population) and towns across the country to provide piped water supply and increase the sewerage coverage in these cities. Further AMRUT 2.0 was launched in October, 2021, focusing on providing functional tap connections in all statutory town and sewerage and septage coverage in 500 AMRUT cities.

The number of households in Statutory towns as per census 2011 were around 6.70 crore, and around 49% households were connected with tap connections. There has been increase in urban population due to addition of new statutory towns and increase in population within the existing urban areas. As reported by the States in 2018, around 24 Lakh new/ serviced tap connections were added in AMRUT cities taking percentage coverage to around 54.5% in these cities. As on date, as reported by the States under AMRUT, 1.87 crore new/serviced tap connections are provided through AMRUT & in convergence with state schemes. Presently, around 70% urban households have access to piped water supply.

In Sewerage sector, in AMRUT cities, States have reported 1.47 crore sewerage/ septage coverage in 2015 i.e. around 31%. Further as reported by States till 2018, 18.84 lakh & till 2023 1.47 crore new/serviced sewerage connections/ Septage facilities were added/serviced in these cities. This has resulted in 2.94 crore sewerage connections/ septage facilities in 500 cities. Presently, around 42% urban households have access to sewerage/ septage facilities.

AMRUT have impacted lives of women in many positive ways. Women can now utilize their time in more productive pursuits and it has led to decrease in effort for them in fetching water. It has further led to decrease in disease load owing to availability of safe drinking water within the house premises thereby, improving quality of life.
