

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. – 885**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/12/2023

**HAR GHAR JAL SCHEME IN KERALA**

**885. DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGRAWAL:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that lakhs of people from hundreds of villages like Neelamperoor, Kovalam, Muttar, Kainkary, Ramankary, Pulinkavu, Edathua, Mannar, Thalavady etc., of Kuttanad region of Kerala are suffering from diseases like cancer because of using chemically polluted water from wide drains flowing next to their paddy fields and still the Government of Kerala has not given them the benefit of Prime Minister's very useful scheme "Har Ghar Jal under the Jal Jeevan Mission"; and

(b) whether Government will cover the villages of Kuttanad region on priority basis under this ambitious scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) Government of India is committed to make provision for safe & potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on a regular & long-term basis to all rural households in the country. Towards this end, the Government of India launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), to be implemented in partnership with states, in August 2019. Drinking Water is a state subject, and hence, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the Jal Jeevan Mission, lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

Significant progress has been made in the country since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, towards enhancing access to tap water to rural households. At the start of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 Crore (16.8%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 07.12.2023, around 10.53 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 07.12.2023, out of 19.24 Crore rural households in the country, approximately 13.76 Crore (71.51%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

As reported by the State Government of Kerala, at present, out of 13 Panchayaths in Kuttanad Taluk, 10 Panchayaths (Edathua, Thalavadi, Veeyapuram, thakazhi, Veliyanad, Ramankary, Muttar, Champakulam, Nedumudi and Kainakari) have partial supply of drinking water from water supply schemes to Kuttanad (Phase I) with 14 MLD water treatment plant at Nerettupuram in Thalavadi Panchayath with source as Pamba River and also from tube wells.

From these sources drinking water is being supplied through tap connections to 24,766 household and 2,483 public tap water connections.

As reported by the state government, the status of tap water connections in 13 Panchayaths in Kuttanad Taluk is given below:

S. No.	Panchayat	Number of households	Households with tap water connection
1.	Champakulam	4,436	3,204
2.	Eduthuva	5,236	2,513
3.	Kainakary	5,251	1,849
4.	Muttar	2,623	1,681
5.	Nedumudi	5,900	3,635
6.	Ramankary	4,004	1,979
7.	Thakazhi	5,443	2,921
8.	Thalavadi	5,668	3,109
9.	Veeyapuram	3,179	1,273
10.	Veliyanad	3,782	1,591
11.	Kavalam	4,087	181
12.	Neelamperoor	3,887	196
13.	Pulikunnu	6,034	605
	Total	59,530	24,737

Source: IMIS

(b) As reported by State government of Kerala, it has planned to cover all the villages/ Panchayaths in Kuttanad region on priority basis under Jal Jeevan Mission.

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