

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
RAJYA SABHA
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Status of Jal Jeevan Mission in Uttar Pradesh

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

- (a) the present status of providing drinking water tap connection to every rural household in Uttar Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission;
- (b) the number of rural households in the State which have been provided drinking water tap water connections in the last five years;
- (c) whether Government has set any target or time limit for providing tap water connections to every rural family in the State; and
- (d) the measures being taken for a strong maintenance system of water supply?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JALSHAKTI

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (c) 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), being implemented in partnership with States, since August 2019, including in Uttar Pradesh. 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 rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 31.01.2024, around 10.98 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 31.01.2024, out of 19.27 Crore rural households in the country, approximately 14.21 Crore (73.76%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

Similarly, in Uttar Pradesh, at the start of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 5.16 Lakhs (1.96%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. As on 31.01.2024, around 1.98 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections in the State. Thus, as on 31.01.2024, out of 2.64 Crore rural households in the State, approximately 2.03 Crore (76.90%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

The number of rural households in the State which have been provided drinking water tap water connections in the last five year are as under:

Year	Numbers tap connections provided in UP (in Lakhs)
2019-20	4.66
2020-21	19.16
2021-22	05.81
2022-23	59.88
2023-24*	108.07

Source: JJM – IMIS (*As on 31.01.2024)

As per the operational guidelines for the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission the State government is to provide tap water to all the household by 2024.

(d) A number of steps are being taken for a strong maintenance system of water supply in rural areas in whole country including Uttar Pradesh. States are being advised to prepare and implement a robust O&M policy covering guidelines for schedule & preventive maintenance of entire water supply infrastructure, skilling of manpower involved in O&M, creation of a robust grievance redressal system.

For monitoring the water quality, States/ UTs have been advised to identify and train 5 persons, preferably women, in every village to conduct water quality testing using Field Testing Kits (FTKs)/ bacteriological vials at village level and report the same on the Water Quality Monitoring Information System (WQMIS) portal.

To empower the GP/ VWSC and creating a sense of ownership, the provision is made in the operational guidelines to fix & collect the water user charges by the community. The State Government has also deployed Institutional Support Agency (ISA) to create awareness and provide training and handholding support to increase their involvement for the efficient operation and maintenance of water supply systems.
