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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. – 255 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/02/2024

PROGRESS UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION

255. SMT. P.T. USHA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total length of pipes laid across the country along with total number of piped water connections installed in households under Jal Jeevan Abhiyaan since the inception of the programme and current financial year;

(b) whether Government is aware of Jal Jeevan Mission projects progressing at a slow pace in Kerala State compared to other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has sought clarification from the State Government of Kerala in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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 including Kerala, in August 2019. Water is a state subject and therefore, the primary responsibility for planning and implementing piped water supply schemes to provide tap water to rural households, lies with the respective State/UT. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance under JJM.

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 10.97 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 31.01.2024, out of 19.26 Crore rural households in the country, approximately 14.21 Crore (73.76%) rural households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes. During the current financial year, more than 2.47 crore rural households have been provided with tap water solutions as on 31.01.2024.

(b) & (c) As reported by the State Government of Kerala, at the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State on 15th August, 2019, 16.64 lakh rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 20.23 lakhs additional rural households have been provided with tap

water connections. Thus, as on 31.01.2024, the provision of tap water supply is available to more than 36.87 lakh (52.09%) rural households in Kerala. The State/ UT wise status of tap connections provided to rural households under JJM, is **annexed**.

(d) & (e) To monitor the implementation of JJM, Government of India takes various measures such as holding joint review meetings with the State Government on regular basis and visits of multi-disciplinary teams from the Department to highlight areas of concern such as need to strengthen project planning, implementation, monitoring and to expedite the implementation in a mission mode to make provision of tap water supply to rural all households. During such review meetings, the State Government of Kerala has informed that one of the main reasons for delay in the award of works for JJM is difficulties in land acquisition for the various components of the new water supply schemes. The State government has also informed that various clearances from forest, NHAI, Railways, Ministry of Road & Transport Highways are pending with respect to drinking water project/ schemes which have also affected the implementation of JJM in the State. The Department coordinates and follow-up with these agencies/ authorities for timely clearances.

Due to non-release of the matching state share against the central funds released to the state government of Kerala under JJM, the state has not been able to draw further central funds during FY 2023-24, The state government of Kerala, at various review meetings, has been requested to release matching state share against the fund released by the central government.

Annex referred to in part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no.255 due for answer on 05.02.2024

S. No.	State/ UT	Total rural HHs	Rural HHs with tap water connection as on 15/08/2019		(Number in lakhs) Total Rural HHs with tap water supply (As on 31/01/2024)	
			No.	In %	No.	In%
1.	A&N Islands	0.62	0.29	46.02	0.62	100
2.	Andhra Pr.	95.46	30.74	32.20	69.43	72.74
3.	Arunachal Pr.	2.29	0.23	9.97	2.28	99.99
4.	Assam	70.34	1.11	1.58	51.03	72.55
5.	Bihar	166.30	3.16	1.90	160.34	96.42
6.	Chhattisgarh	50.00	3.20	6.39	38.29	76.59
7.	DNH and DD	0.85	0.00	0.00	0.85	100
8.	Goa	2.63	1.99	75.70	2.63	100
9.	Gujarat	91.18	65.16	71.46	91.18	100
10.	Haryana	30.41	17.66	58.08	30.41	100
11.	Himachal Pr.	17.09	7.63	44.64	17.09	100
12.	J&K	18.71	5.75	30.75	14.33	76.59
13.	Jharkhand	62.01	3.45	5.57	30.58	49.31
14.	Karnataka	101.16	24.51	24.23	74.27	73.42
15.	Kerala	70.79	16.64	23.51	36.87	52.09
16.	Ladakh	0.41	0.01	3.36	0.38	92.28
17.	Lakshadweep	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.10	78.63
18.	Madhya Pr.	111.86	13.53	12.09	67.18	60.06
19.	Maharashtra	146.64	48.44	33.01	122.42	83.48
20.	Manipur	4.52	0.26	5.74	3.52	77.94
21.	Meghalaya	6.51	0.05	0.70	4.80	73.69
22.	Mizoram	1.33	0.09	6.91	1.32	99.84
23.	Nagaland	3.69	0.14	3.76	3.09	83.75
24.	Odisha	88.63	3.11	3.51	62.65	70.69
25.	Puducherry	1.15	0.94	81.33	1.15	100
26.	Punjab	34.26	16.79	49.00	34.26	100
27.	Rajasthan	106.65	11.74	11.01	49.15	46.08
28.	Sikkim	1.32	0.70	53.34	1.17	88.99
29.	Tamil Nadu	125.26	21.76	17.37	100.22	80.01

State/ UT-wise status of tap water connections in rural households

S. No.	State/ UT	Total rural HHs	Rural HHs with tap water connection as on 15/08/2019		Total Rural HHs with tap water supply (As on 31/01/2024)	
			No.	In %	No.	In%
30.	Telangana	53.98	15.68	29.05	53.98	100
31.	Tripura	7.45	0.25	3.29	5.66	76.02
32.	Uttar Pr.	263.62	5.16	1.96	202.74	76.90
33.	Uttarakhand	14.54	1.30	8.96	13.09	90.04
34.	West Bengal	174.92	2.15	1.23	74.07	42.35
Total 1,926.75		323.62	16.80	1,421.22	73.76	

Source: JJM IMIS

HH: Household