

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 709
ANSWERED ON 29/07/2024

DRINKING WATER CRISES

709. SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:
SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many villages in the country are still deprived of drinking water and they have to be provided drinking water by water tankers which fetched it from far away places;
- (b) if so, the details of such villages;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any scheme and funds to provide drinking water to every citizen in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by when this scheme is likely to be implemented across the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

(a) to (d) Since August 2019, Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing centrally sponsored scheme Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household in all villages across the country, with the estimated outlay of Rs.3.60 lakh crore out of which Central share is of Rs. 2.08 lakh crore.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 25.07.2024, around 11.78 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 25.07.2024, out of 19.32 Crore rural households, in 5.91 lakh villages, in the country, around 15.01 Crore (77.69%) households spread across 5.79 lakh villages, are reported to have tap water supply in their homes. Further, as on 25.07.2024, around 2.30 lakh villages are reported as ‘Har Ghar Jal’ i.e. 100% rural households are having tap water supply.

Drinking water being a State subject, under JJM, responsibilities for planning, approval, implementation, operation and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes lie with State/ UT governments. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State/ UT government by providing technical and financial assistance. The details of villages being provided drinking water through water tankers are not maintained at Government of India level.
