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ESTABLISHMENT OF JSKs

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Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the Jal Shakti Kendras (JSKs);
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized for these Kendras across the country including State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the number of districts identified under this project in Tamil Nadu so far;
- (d) the details of the target set and achievements made so far;
- (e) whether Government has planned to establish JSKs in every district of Tamil Nadu; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be established?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Jal Shakti Kendras(JSKs) are envisioned as dedicated resource and knowledge centers, playing a pivotal role in water conservation efforts. They provide comprehensive information on water-related issues, including best practices in conservation and effective water-saving techniques. Additionally, JSKs offer expert guidance and technical support to local communities and district administrations, enabling effective water management strategies. These centers also serve as hubs for education and capacity building, empowering stakeholders to actively participate in sustainable water conservation initiatives.

(b) Funds spent under the JSA: CTR campaign is through convergent financing from various schemes of the Central, State and local bodies like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Per Drop More Crop, Repair, Renovation and Restoration Components under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Finance Commission grants etc. The Jal Shakti Kendras are to be set up from existing resources within the district through locally available both Human Resources and Infrastructure. No additional funding is given for setting up Jal Shakti Kendras. Only 4 districts were released funds of Rs 5lakhs each strictly for pilot purpose to showcase as models for replication for other JSKs . As far as Tamil Nadu and other States are concerned, no such fund has been sanctioned for Jal Shakti Kendras except to 4 districts for pilot purpose.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Jal launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan(JSA) in the year 2019. Since 2021, Jal Shakti Abhiyan has subsumed Catch the Rain(CTR) campaign and has been implementing as Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) in all the districts (rural as well as urban) of the country, including all the districts of Tamil Nadu. There are no defined targets under this campaign and the State/UTs are encouraged to undertake as many works as possible aimed at water conservation. As per the information available on JSA: CTR portal (jsactr.mowr.gov.in), till date, around 1.56 crore water-related works have been taken up under the JSA:CTR initiative.

(e) & (f) Under JSA: CTR all the States/UTs have been requested to set up JSKs in all the districts of the country including the districts of Tamil Nadu. As per information uploaded on JSA: CTR portal (jsactr.mowr.gov.in) by the State Government, JSKs has been established in all the 38 districts of Tamil Nadu through local resources.
