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IMPLEMENTATION OF JAL SHAKTI MISSION IN PUNJAB

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

- (a) whether Government has achieved the target of implementation of Jal Shakti Mission in the State of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the pending projects in Punjab relating to the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and
- (d) the timeline for implementation of the pending projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Jal Shakti does not implement any mission called Jal Shakti Mission. However, the Ministry implements two programmes namely, Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) was a time-bound mission mode water conservation campaign in the July - November 2019 period in 1,592 blocks out of 2,836 blocks of 256 water-stressed districts of the country. Jalshakti Abhiyan could not be taken up in 2020 due to restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic. However, in order to maintain continuity of JSA 2019, National Water Mission under the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti started the “Catch The Rain” (CTR) Campaign in February 2020. Ministry of Jal Shakti in 2021 took up the “Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain” (JSA: CTR) subsuming Catch the Rain campaign which covered rural and urban areas of all districts (all blocks and municipalities) of the country. JSA:CTR campaign has five focused interventions which inter-alia includes rainwater harvesting & water conservation. JSA: CTR has now become an annual feature since 2021 and the 5th edition of JSA: CTR was launched on 09.03.2024 for implementation during the period 09.03.2024 to 30.11.2024 in rural and urban areas of all districts (all blocks and municipalities) in all the States/UTs of the country including all the districts of Punjab.

There are no defined targets under this campaign and the State Governments 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 19.11.2024, around 1.56 crore water-related works have been taken up under the JSA initiative including around 81,000 water -related works in Punjab. Further, 695 Jal Shakti Kendras (JSKs) have also been set up across the country and JSKs are established in all the 23 districts of Punjab. Under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR), district water

conservation plans have been prepared by 612 districts across the country. All 23 districts in Punjab have also prepared their water conservation plans.

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM): 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. Launched by the Government of India in August 2019 in partnership with states including Punjab. As Drinking Water is a state subject, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the JJM, lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing both technical and financial assistance. As reported by Government of Punjab, it has achieved the target of saturating 100% rural households i.e. 34,26,749 rural households in Punjab with Functional Household Tap Connections. All 23 districts of Punjab have been certified as Har Ghar Jal districts.

(c) & (d) The details of the pending projects in Punjab relating to the Ministry of Jal Shakti, along with their implementation timelines, are as follows:

- i. One flood management project of Government of Punjab namely “Flood Protection Works along Indo-Pak border on River Ravi and its tributaries Ujh to check land erosion for the safety of village abadies, border fencing and other Defence Installations in Gurdaspur and Amritsar districts of Punjab (Phase-I)” has been included for central funding under River Management & Border Areas (RMBA) component of Flood Management & Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) scheme during XII plan with an estimated cost of Rs.29.89 Cr. Central Assistance of Rs.26.15 crore has been released to Government of Punjab for this project. Timeline for completion of the project is March 2025.
- ii. Central Assistance is being provided for one National Project namely, Shahpur Kandi in the State of Punjab (joint project of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir) with estimated cost of Rs. 3,394.49 crore and timeline for completion of the project is December 2025.
- iii. Relining of Rajasthan Feeder and Sirhind Feeder of Punjab under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna- Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP) in the State of Punjab with an approved cost of Rs. 1,976.75 crores – Timeline for completion project is June-2025.
