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DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

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JAL JEEVAN MISSION

1219. Ms. SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted an assessment of the infrastructure gaps on the delays in achieving the Jal Jeevan Mission's targets, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken to address the limited technical capacity of implementing agencies that has been cited as a bottleneck in some States; and
- (c) the manner in which Government ensures the sustainability of water resources in rural areas, especially in States facing water scarcity?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Since August, 2019, Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in partnership with States to make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular & long-term basis to every rural household in the country. Under JJM, no assessment of the infrastructure gaps on the delays in achieving the JJM targets, has been conducted by this department.

(b) : Water is a state subject. The responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance (O&M) of drinking water supply schemes lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

The mission aims to channelize everyone's energy in achieving the shared goal of ensuring long-term drinking water security. There are number of stakeholders working in the water supply sector, viz. Research & Development (R&D) institutions, Trusts, Foundations, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Village Organizations (Vos), Community Based

Organizations (CBOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), user groups, corporates, international agencies and spirited individuals. To make water everyone's business, mission has strived to build partnerships and work with these institutions/ individuals to achieve the goal set under JJM. This Department has also anchored Rural WASH Partners' Forum (RWPF) bringing together organizations working in water and sanitation sectors. RWPF is a single platform driving innovation, sharing thoughts, proposing policy initiatives, suggesting implementation course correction, and facilitating progress of the two Missions, viz. the Jal Jeevan Mission and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), through the diverse capacities of the various Partners. All such stakeholders continuously work at ground level to improve the implementation of the mission including enhancing the technical capabilities of the implementing agencies. Additionally, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation also arrange workshops from time to time for handholding of the States towards implementation of technological advancements like IoT sensors, etc. invites the applications from the individuals/ Institutions for proposing new technology.

(c) : Under JJM, the water supply scheme sources *inter alia* which include groundwater (open well, borewell, tube well, handpumps, etc.), ancient & traditional surface water (river, reservoir, lake, pond, springs, etc.) and rain water stored in small tanks are being used as sources for drinking water supply schemes. Further, conjunctive use of water is promoted for harmonious use of surface water, groundwater and rainwater to ensure availability of water without disruption and also to optimize utilization of sources. States and UTs have responded by shifting to more sustainable sources, such as surface water, wherever feasible.
