## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1830 ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

#### TAP WATER CONNECTION TO RURAL HOUSEHOLDS UNDER JJM

### 1830 SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and percentage of rural households which have been provided tapped potable water connections in the country under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) as on 1st March, 2025, Statewise;
- (b) whether any physical verification of these connections is done by the Central or State or independent agencies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, with particular reference to the State of Uttar Pradesh?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(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, in August 2019. Drinking Water is a state subject, and hence, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the Jal Jeevan Mission, lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

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 (16.71%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 12.03.2025, around 12.28 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 12.03.2025, out of 19.36 Crore rural households in the country, more than 15.52 Crore (80.15%)

households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes. The number and percentage of rural households which have been provided tapped potable water connections in the country under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) are available on JJM-IMIS Dashboard. The link of JJM-IMIS Dashboard is as follows:- <a href="https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx">https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx</a>

(b) & (c) Under the Jal Jeevan Mission's "Har Ghar Jal" initiative, after a village achieves 100% functional tap water connections, the Gram Panchayat formally certifies the village as "Har Ghar Jal" through a Gram Sabha resolution after verifying the completion of work, and a certificate is issued by the implementing department. State/UTs including Uttar Pradesh have been advised, through numerous review meetings, field visits, etc., to ensure functionality of tap water connections provided and infrastructure created under the Mission.

During the functionality assessment 2021-22 in all rural households in India including State of Uttar Pradesh, it was found that 86% of households had working tap connections. Out of these, 85% were getting water in adequate quantity, 80% were getting water regularly as per the schedule of water supply for their piped water supply scheme, and 87% of households were receiving water as per the prescribed water quality standards. The functionality assessment was carried out in the year 2022. The details may be seen https://jaljeevanmission.gov.in/functionality-reports.

Further, to ensure long term sustainability of infrastructure created, quality material and quality construction are being ensured through third party inspection before making payment. For the purpose, States have been empowered to empanel third party inspection agencies (TPIA) to check the quality of work executed by the agencies, quality of materials used for construction and quality of machinery installed in each of the scheme. Moreover, measurement and monitoring of water supply in villages through sensor-based IoT solution, linking AADHAR of the head of household for targeted delivery subject to statutory provisions, geo-tagging of assets created, etc. are also provisioned under JJM.

Also, to bring transparency and effective monitoring, an online 'JJM dashboard & mobile App has been created, which provides State/ UT, district, and village-wise progress as well as status of provision of tap water supply to rural houses.

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