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

### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1845

ANSWERED ON 17/03/2025

## FULL COVERAGE OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION - HAR GHAR JAL IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1845. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the total coverage of the households through Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the State of Andhra Pradesh as on date;
- (b) the reason behind not covering 100 per cent households tap water connections by 2024 aimed under the JJM:
- (c) steps taken to expedite the fulfilment of the Mission;
- (d) whether Government has taken cognisance that Palnadu village in the State of Andhra Pradesh has the lowest coverage of 34.55 per cent; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to increase coverage in the area, as the Mission had aimed to take tailored approach to diverse conditions and unique needs?

#### **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 State/UTs, 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. At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, in Andhra Pradesh, 30.74 Lakhs (32.18%) rural households (HHs) were reported to have tap water connections. Since then, additional 39.77 Lakhs rural HHs have been provided tap water connections. Thus, as on 11.03.2025, provision of tap water supply has been made to 70.51 Lakhs (73.81%) rural HHs in the State.
- (b) As reported by State Government, the reason behind not covering 100% HHs tap water connections by 2024 aimed under Jal Jeevan Mission, is due to delays in the release of the matching state share during the period from 2019 to 2024. This led to a shortage of funds, leaving the executing agencies unable to complete the program within the planned timeframe.
- (c) Water, being a state subject, the primary responsibility for planning and implementing piped water supply schemes to provide tap water to their households, lies with the respective State/UT. However, Government of India has taken number of steps to plan and implement JJM in the whole country which *inter alia* includes discussion and finalization of annual action plan

(AAP) in consultation with States/ UTs, regular review of planning and implementation, workshops/ conferences/ webinars for capacity building and knowledge sharing, field visits by multi-disciplinary team to provide technical support, etc. A detailed Operational Guideline for the implementation of JJM; Margdarshika for Gram Panchayats & VWSCs to provide safe drinking water in rural households and Guidelines on a special campaign to provide piped water supply in anganwadi centers, ashramshalas and schools have been shared with States/ UTs, to facilitate planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. State Government has planned to cover remaining HHs by March, 2028.

(d) & (e) Yes. As reported by State Government, out of total 4.34 Lakhs HHs in the Palnadu district, 1.53 Lakhs HHs have been provided tap connections and 2.81 Lakhs HHs are remaining. The Multi Village Scheme (MVS) 'Providing Drinking Water supply in Palnadu area of Guntur district' has been taken up in the Palnadu area. The MVS is designed with Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir as source, to provide tap connections. The work is under progress.

The balance households are proposed to be covered with tap connections through Single Village Scheme (SVS) works under ongoing JJM programme. 100% rural households in Palnadu district are planned to be covered with tap connections, by March 2028.

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