

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2646

ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF JSK IN THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) number of Jal Shakti Kendras (JSK) established in State of Tamil Nadu, their locations, including number of districts covered;
- (b) funds allocated for establishment and operation of JSK in the State, total expenditure incurred so far on implementation of these Kendras;
- (c) progress of activities undertaken by JSK in the State, such as awareness campaigns on water conservation, water management and sanitation;
- (d) challenges faced by Government in establishment and effective functioning of these Kendras in the State, particularly in rural and remote areas; and
- (e) whether there are any plans for expanding number of JSK in the State, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

- (a) As per the information available on JSA: CTR portal, a total 162 Jal Shakti Kendras (38 at district level and 124 at block level) have been established in the State of Tamil Nadu and the locations of the JSKs at district level is at **Annexure**. These Jal Shakti Kendras have already been established in all 38 districts of the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (b) Totally 162 Jal Shakti Kendras have been established at the cost of 2.38 crore in all the districts in Tamil Nadu.
- (c) The rationale behind forming a JSK is to create awareness regarding the importance of rainwater harvesting and acting as a knowledge centre to all users. It supports the District administration in preparation of scientific conservation plan water. It functions as a hub of Knowledge and data sharing centre which Collect spatial data from various sources for situational analysis of the district and maintaining records related to water bodies in the district. Additionally, it Supports rejuvenation of river and rivulets and renovation of traditional water bodies. It gives capacity building and training to all the stakeholders about water conservation management methods and techniques.

Awareness programme were also conducted in all the panchayats through rallies, street meeting, involving self-help groups, grama sabha meetings and propaganda by audio system and digital media with the participant of 6,26,000 people.

(d) Lack of digital literacy that is many people in rural areas may not be familiar with using technology or digital devices, making it challenging to fully leverage the services offered by the Kendras. Additionally, Remote areas, particularly in hilly, forested, or far-flung regions, can be difficult to access. Rural communities may not be aware of the services available at Kendras, which reduces their effectiveness. Effective awareness campaigns are conducted to increase effectiveness. Moreover, a lack of accurate data on water availability, consumption patterns, and quality in rural areas can hamper the effective management and planning of water resources. The absence of reliable data systems in remote areas makes it difficult for the government to assess the actual needs and challenges faced by local communities.

(e) Jal Sakti Kendras had established at district level in all 38 districts in Tamil Nadu state. At block level 124 JSK are established so far.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2646 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 24.03.2025 REGARDING “ESTABLISHMENT OF JSK IN THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU”.

S.No.	State	District	Date of Establishment	Address
1	Tamil Nadu	Ariyalur	18-05-2022	RI Quarters (old), Jayankondam, Ariyalur District.
2	Tamil Nadu	Chengalpattu	22-07-2022	Office of DRDA, District headquarters campus, Chengalpattu district, Tamil Nadu-603001.
3	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	26-07-2022	Executive Engineer, WRD, Araniyar Basin Division, Chepauk, Chennai- 05
4	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore	09-07-2022	O/o Assistant Executive Engineer Irrigation sub Division Town hall Coimbatore 1
5	Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore	07-04-2022	Collectorate Campus ,Cuddalore
6	Tamil Nadu	Dharmapuri	04-07-2022	First Floor ,Collectrote Complex Dharmapuri
7	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	16-05-2022	District Rural Development Agency, Collectorate, Dindigul
8	Tamil Nadu	Erode	01-06-2022	O/o Executive Engineer, WRD Lower Bhavani Basin Division Campus Kona Vaikkal Erode 638002
9	Tamil Nadu	Kallakurichi	05-08-2022	Project Director, DRDA, Kallakurichi
10	Tamil Nadu	Kanchipuram	05-06-2022	O/o The Executive Engineer, Lower Palar Basin Division, Kancheepuram
11	Tamil Nadu	Kanniyakumari	04-08-2022	Collectorate Campus Nagercoil Kanniyakumari District
12	Tamil Nadu	Karur	27-04-2022	Collectorate Karur Tamilnadu
13	Tamil Nadu	Krishnagiri	21-09-2021	Water Resource Department Krishnagiri.
14	Tamil Nadu	Madurai	01-06-2022	DRDA Integrated Complex building, Ground Floor, Mgnregs Section
15	Tamil Nadu	Mayiladuthurai	04-05-2022	Collector office Campus, Mayiladuthurai
16	Tamil Nadu	Nagapattinam	24-06-2022	DRDA, Collectorate, Nagapattinam
17	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal	06-07-2022	1st Floor ,Main Building, RD And PR Campus, Namakkal -637003
18	Tamil Nadu	Perambalur	04-08-2022	DRDA
19	Tamil Nadu	Pudukkottai	12-07-2022	Collectorate office building, Pudukkottai District
20	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram	14-05-2022	Jal Shakthi Kendra,1st Floor, District Collectorate, Ramanathapuram
21	Tamil Nadu	Ranipet	27-06-2022	Assistant Executive Engineer, Water Resources

				Department, Upper Palar Basin Sub division, Ranipet
22	Tamil Nadu	Salem	02-08-2022	O/o Executive Engineer, WRD, Sarabanga Basin Division, Salem-636 002.
23	Tamil Nadu	Sivaganga	27-06-2022	Collectorate Campus, Sivagangai
24	Tamil Nadu	Tenkasi	29-06-2022	DRDA, Rail Nagar, Collectorate campus, Tenkasi 627811
25	Tamil Nadu	Thanjavur	04-05-2022	DRDA Collectorate Thanjavur
26	Tamil Nadu	The Nilgiris	25-06-2022	Office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, WRD, Irrigation Sub Division, Udthagamandalam.
27	Tamil Nadu	Theni	14-09-2021	Project Director, DRDA, Theni District.
28	Tamil Nadu	Thiruvallur	01-07-2022	1st floor Collectorate office Tiruvallur -602 001
29	Tamil Nadu	Thiruvarur	17-06-2022	Executive Engineer, WRD, Vennar Basin Division, Thiruvarur
30	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli	19-07-2022	District Collector Office, Tiruchirapalli - 620001
31	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli	20-06-2022	Ground Floor, Office of The District Collectorate Kokkirakulam Tirunelveli-9
32	Tamil Nadu	Tirupathur	13-06-2022	District Collector Office Tirupathur District
33	Tamil Nadu	Tiruppur	29-07-2022	Room. No.339, District Rural Development Agency, District Collector Office ,Tiruppur
34	Tamil Nadu	Tiruvannamalai	12-05-2022	Collectorate Campus Vengikkal Tiruvannamalai District
35	Tamil Nadu	Tuticorin	29-06-2022	District Rural Development Agency, Collectorate campus, Thoothukudi-628101
36	Tamil Nadu	Vellore	28-07-2022	Vellore Collector Office Campus
37	Tamil Nadu	Villupuram	22-06-2022	O/o Executive Engineer, WRD, Lower Pennaiyar Basin Division, Villupuram - 605602
38	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar	30-06-2022	Collectorate, Virudhunagar
