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

## RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 229 ANSWERED ON 11/08/2025

## IMPLEMENTATION OF JJM FOR POTABLE WATER SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS OF UP

#### 229 # SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rural households provided with tap water connections in the State of Uttar Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) so far;
- (b) whether Government has established water testing labs to ensure water quality in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the number of such functional laboratories so far; and
- (c) the name of districts provided with the least and the most connections under JJM in the State of Uttar Pradesh?

#### **ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI C R PATIL)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

# Statement referred in reply of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 229 for reply on 11.08.2025

(a) Since August 2019, Government of India in partnership with States/UTs, is implementing centrally sponsored scheme Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household in all villages across the country.

Drinking Water being a State subject, States/UTs plan, design, approve and implement drinking water supply schemes. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States/UTs by providing technical and financial assistance.

At the start of the mission, only 3.23 crore (16.71%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. With concerted efforts from both Centre and States/UTs under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal around 12.44 crore additional rural households have been reported to have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 06.08.2025, out of 19.36 crore rural households in the country, more than 15.68 crore (81.00%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

As reported by the State of Uttar Pradesh, out of 2.67 crore rural households in Uttar Pradesh, starting from 5.16 lakh (1.93%) on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 2.41 crore (90.32%) tap water connections have been provided till 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, out of which 2.36 crore tap connections have been provided under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

(b) Under JJM, while planning water supply schemes to provide tap water supply to households, priority is given to quality-affected habitations. While allocating the funds to States/ UTs in a particular financial year, 10% weightage is given to the population residing in habitations affected by chemical contaminants including arsenic and fluoride.

Moreover, as per the operational guidelines for implementation of JJM, States/ UTs are to take corrective actions in case of major water quality contamination, and if required, to alert Health Department for mitigation and/ or corrective actions especially in Arsenic, Fluoride, Uranium contaminants and bacteriological contaminations.

Further, State of Uttar Pradesh has informed that Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural) has established 01 State-level and 75 District-level laboratories, all of which are NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories) accredited to ensure the quality of drinking water in rural areas of the State.

In addition, 05 mobile laboratories are also operational in the state. Besides these, 62 in-house laboratories have been established at water treatment plants, out of which 28 laboratories have already been accredited by NABL, while the accreditation process for the remaining 34 in-house laboratories is currently underway.

(c) As informed by the State of Uttar Pradesh, the highest number of tap water connections have been provided in the district of Sitapur, where 6,85,021 tap water connections have been provided out of 7,14,455 households. On the other hand, the lowest number of tap water connections have been provided in the district of Gautam Buddh Nagar, with 43,889 tap connections provided out of 45,453 households.

In terms of percentage coverage, the highest and lowest tap water connection coverage has been recorded in Chitrakoot district and Unnao district respectively. In Chitrakoot, 163,698 tap connections have been provided out of 163,970 households, achieving 99.83% coverage. In Unnao, 127,213 tap connections have been provided out of 489,659 households, achieving 25.98% coverage.

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