

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA
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WATER SCARCE DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether Government has identified water-scarce districts across the country;
- (b) if so, the number of districts identified as water-scarce, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has formed any team to review the implementation of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Water, being a State subject, places the primary responsibility for the augmentation, conservation, assessment and efficient management of water resources with the respective State Governments. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States through technical and financial support.

The Dynamic Ground Water Resources of the country are assessed every year from 2022 jointly by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and State Governments to analyze trends in groundwater recharge and extraction. As per the report of “National Compilation of Dynamic Ground Water Resources of India, 2024”, shared by CGWB, 102 districts are categorized as ‘Over- exploited’, 22 districts are categorized as ‘Critical’ and 69 districts are categorized as “Semi-critical”. The State wise details of 193 OCS (Over Exploited, Critical and Semi Critical) districts is provided in **Annexure-I**.

Additionally, the Ministry of Jal Shakti launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) in 2019 as a time-bound, mission-mode water conservation campaign in 256 water-stressed districts of the country. The Hon'ble Prime Minister launched “Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain” (JSA: CTR) in 2021 with the tagline “Catch the Rain – Where it Falls When it Falls”. The Abhiyan was scaled up to cover all districts, blocks, and municipalities across the country.

Although JSA:CTR campaign is implemented nationwide, each edition has included a targeted focus since 2023 to maximize impact. The JSA: CTR 2023, with the theme “Source Sustainability for Drinking Water,” prioritized 150 special focus districts identified by the Jal Jeevan Mission. The JSA: CTR 2024

campaign, themed “Nari Shakti se Jal Shakti,” was carried out across the country with a special focus on 151 districts identified by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). The JSA: CTR 2025 was launched with the theme “Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Jan Jagrukta Ki Or” emphasizing deeper grassroots engagement, inter-sectoral convergence and innovative financing mechanisms with special focus on 148 districts identified by CGWB. The lists of focused districts under JSA:CTR Campaign (for 2025, 2024 & 2023) is attached at **Annexure II(a), II(b) & II(c)** respectively.

(c) & (d) ‘Water’ is State subject and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States through technical and financial support. Water conservation is one of the foremost priorities of the Government.

To address the challenges faced by States and local bodies in implementation of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan campaign particularly in water-stressed regions, the Government of India has adopted a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach. As part of this strategy, Central teams consisting of Central Nodal Officers (CNOs) of the Rank of Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary/Director/Deputy Secretary and Technical Officers (TOs) from the organizations of DoWR, RD & GR (CWC, CGWB, NIH, CSMRS, CWPRS, etc) are sent for field visits to the focused districts during the campaign for interaction with district authorities on Jal Shakti Abhiyan and to facilitate the districts and provide technical assistance. Further, State Nodal Officers are also appointed by all the states/UTs to oversee the implementation of the campaign at state level. 148 Central Nodal Officers have been appointed for 148 high focus districts for the JSA: CTR 2025-2026 campaign. List of 148 high focus districts are at **Annexure II(a)**.

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State-wise number of ‘OCS (Over Exploited, Critical and Semi Critical)’ Districts as per National Compilation of Dynamic Ground Water Resources of India, 2024					
S.No.	State/Union Territories	No. of Over-Exploited	No. of Critical Districts	No. of Semi-Critical Districts	Total no. of OCS Districts
1	Bihar	0	0	2	2
2	Chhattisgarh	0	1	3	4
3	Gujarat	4	0	2	6
4	Haryana	16	1	2	19
5	Jharkhand	0	0	1	1
6	Karnataka	5	4	5	14
7	Kerala	0	0	2	2
8	Madhya Pradesh	6	1	6	13
9	Maharashtra	0	0	5	5
10	Punjab	19	1	0	20
11	Rajasthan	29	0	0	29
12	Tamil Nadu	9	3	10	22
13	Telangana	1	0	2	3
14	Uttar Pradesh	5	7	26	38
15	West Bengal	0	0	1	1
16	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	3	0	0	3
17	Delhi	5	4	1	10
18	Puducherry	0	0	1	1
	Grand Total	102	22	69	193

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JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN: CATCH THE RAIN -2025		
S. No.	State	Name of District
1	Gujarat	Banaskantha
2	Gujarat	Gandhinagar
3	Gujarat	Mahesana
4	Gujarat	Patan
5	Haryana	Ambala
6	Haryana	Bhiwani
7	Haryana	Charkhi Dadri
8	Haryana	Faridabad
9	Haryana	Fatehabad
10	Haryana	Gurgaon
11	Haryana	Jind
12	Haryana	Kaithal
13	Haryana	Karnal
14	Haryana	Kurukshetra
15	Haryana	Mahendragarh
16	Haryana	Panipat
17	Haryana	Rewari
18	Haryana	Sirsa
19	Haryana	Sonipat
20	Haryana	Yamunanagar
21	Karnataka	Bangalore(r)
22	Karnataka	Bangalore(u)
23	Karnataka	Chik ballapur
24	Karnataka	Chitradurga
25	Karnataka	Kolar
26	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
27	Madhya Pradesh	Mandsaur
28	Madhya Pradesh	Neemuch
29	Madhya Pradesh	Ratlam
30	Madhya Pradesh	Shajapur
31	Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain
32	Punjab	Amritsar
33	Punjab	Barnala
34	Punjab	Bathinda
35	Punjab	Faridkot
36	Punjab	Fatehgarg Sahib
37	Punjab	Ferozpur
38	Punjab	Gurdaspur
39	Punjab	Hoshiarpur
40	Punjab	Jalandhar
41	Punjab	Kapurthala
42	Punjab	Ludhiana
43	Punjab	Malerkotla
44	Punjab	Mansa
45	Punjab	Moga

46	Punjab	Patiala
47	Punjab	Mohali
48	Punjab	Nawanshahr
49	Punjab	Sangrur
50	Punjab	Tarn Taran
51	Rajasthan	Ajmer
52	Rajasthan	Alwar
53	Rajasthan	Baran
54	Rajasthan	Barmer
55	Rajasthan	Bharatpur
56	Rajasthan	Bhilwara
57	Rajasthan	Bikaner
58	Rajasthan	Bundi
59	Rajasthan	Chittaurgarh
60	Rajasthan	Churu
61	Rajasthan	Dausa
62	Rajasthan	Dholpur
63	Rajasthan	Jaipur
64	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
65	Rajasthan	Jalore
66	Rajasthan	Jhalawar
67	Rajasthan	Jhunjhunu
68	Rajasthan	Jodhpur
69	Rajasthan	Karauli
70	Rajasthan	Kota
71	Rajasthan	Nagaur
72	Rajasthan	Pali
73	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh
74	Rajasthan	Rajsamand
75	Rajasthan	Sawai Madhopur
76	Rajasthan	Sikar
77	Rajasthan	Sirohi
78	Rajasthan	Tonk
79	Rajasthan	Udaipur
80	Tamilnadu	Chennai
81	Tamilnadu	Dindigul
82	Tamilnadu	Mayiladuthurai
83	Tamilnadu	Namakkal
84	Tamilnadu	Peramballur
85	Tamilnadu	Salem
86	Tamilnadu	Thanjavur
87	Tamilnadu	Tirupathur
88	Tamilnadu	Vellore
89	Telangana	Hyderabad
90	Uttar Pradesh	Agra
91	Uttar Pradesh	Firozabad
92	Uttar Pradesh	G.B. Nagar
93	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
94	Uttar Pradesh	Shamli
95	Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	Dadra Nagar Haveli
96	Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	Daman
97	Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	Diu
98	Delhi	New Delhi

99	Delhi	North
100	Delhi	North East
101	Delhi	Shahdara
102	Delhi	South
103	Chhattisgarh	Bemetara
104	Haryana	Palwal
105	Karnataka	Chamrajangar
106	Karnataka	Davangere
107	Karnataka	Ramanagaram
108	Karnataka	Tumkur
109	Madhya Pradesh	Agar
110	Punjab	Ropar
111	Tamilnadu	Dharmapuri
112	Tamilnadu	Karur
113	Tamilnadu	Krishnagiri
114	Uttar Pradesh	JP Nagar (Amroha)
115	Uttar Pradesh	Baghpat
116	Uttar Pradesh	Bulandshahar
117	Uttar Pradesh	Hapur
118	Uttar Pradesh	Hathras
119	Uttar Pradesh	Mahoba
120	Uttar Pradesh	Saharanpur
121	Delhi	East
122	Delhi	South East
123	Delhi	South West
124	Delhi	West
125	Bihar	Jehanabad
126	Jharkhand	Dhanbad
127	Kerala	Kasaragod
128	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar
129	UT-Puducherry	Puducherry Region
130	West Bengal	Nadia
131	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	North and Middle Adaman
132	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur
133	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum Pare (Itanagar)
134	Assam	Kamrup
135	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
136	Goa	Goa North
137	Himachal Pradesh	Una
138	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
139	Ladakh	Kargil
140	Lakshadweep	Kavaratti
141	Manipur	Imphal West
142	Meghalaya	South West Garo Hills
143	Mizoram	Aizawl
144	Nagaland	Dimapur
145	Odisha	Deogarh
146	Sikkim	Soreng
147	Tripura	West Tripura
148	Uttarakhand	Haridwar

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JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN: CATCH THE RAIN -2024		
S.No.	Name of States/Uts	Name of Districts
1	Andaman and Nicobar	N & M Andaman
2	Andhra Pradesh	Palnadu
3	Andhra Pradesh	SPS Nellore
4	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool
5	Andhra Pradesh	West Godavari
6	Andhra Pradesh	NTR
7	Andhra Pradesh	Ananthapuramu
8	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam
9	Arunachal Pradesh	Tirap
10	Assam	Udalguri
11	Assam	Hailakandi
12	Assam	Dhubri
13	Assam	Baksa
14	Bihar	Begusarai
15	Bihar	Kaimur
16	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
17	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
18	Chhattisgarh	Bemetara
19	Chhattisgarh	Dhamtar
20	Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Diu
21	Delhi	North East
22	Delhi	Shahdara
23	Delhi	New Delhi
24	Delhi	West Delhi
25	Goa	South Goa
26	Gujarat	Vadodara
27	Gujarat	Narmada
28	Gujarat	Devbhumi Dwarka
29	Gujarat	Banaskantha
30	Gujarat	Mahesana
31	Gujarat	Patan
32	Haryana	Jind
33	Haryana	Fatehabad
34	Haryana	Sirsa
35	Haryana	Kurukshetra
36	Haryana	Panipat
37	Haryana	Mahendragarh
38	Haryana	Rewari
39	Haryana	Kaithal
40	Haryana	Gurgaon
41	Haryana	Faridabad
42	Himachal Pradesh	Una
43	Himachal Pradesh	Solan
44	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu
45	Jharkhand	Jamtara

46	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
47	Jharkhand	Palamau
48	Jharkhand	Deoghar
49	Jharkhand	Koderma
50	Karnataka	Belagavi
51	Karnataka	Hassan
52	Karnataka	Bijapur
53	Karnataka	Chikkamagaluru
54	Karnataka	Gulbarga
55	Karnataka	Chikbalapur
56	Karnataka	Bidar
57	Karnataka	Dharwad
58	Karnataka	Chitradurga
59	Karnataka	Haveri
60	Kerala	Wayanad
61	Kerala	Kasargod
62	Kerala	Malappuram
63	Ladakh	Kargil
64	Lakshadweep	Lakshshadeep (Agatti & Kavaratti)
65	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
66	Madhya Pradesh	SIDHI
67	Madhya Pradesh	Shivpuri
68	Madhya Pradesh	Neemuch
69	Madhya Pradesh	Guna
70	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha
71	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh
72	Madhya Pradesh	Ashok Nagar
73	Madhya Pradesh	Sheopur
74	Madhya Pradesh	Agar Malwa
75	Maharashtra	Wardha
76	Maharashtra	Nashik
77	Maharashtra	Beed
78	Maharashtra	Jalna
79	Maharashtra	Solapur
80	Maharashtra	Osmanabad
81	Maharashtra	Dhule
82	Manipur	Imphal
83	Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills
84	Mizoram	Aizawl
85	Nagaland	Dimapui
86	Odisha	Bolangir
87	Odisha	Dhenkanal
88	Odisha	Rayagada
89	Odisha	Nuapada
90	Puducherry	Puducherry
91	Punjab	Bathinda
92	Punjab	Jalandhar
93	Punjab	Ludhiana
94	Punjab	Patiala
95	Punjab	Amritsar
96	Punjab	Sangrur
97	Punjab	Moga
98	Punjab	Barnala

99	Punjab	Mansa
100	Punjab	Hoshiarpur
101	Rajasthan	JAIPUR
102	Rajasthan	JAISALMER
103	Rajasthan	Barmer
104	Rajasthan	CHURU
105	Rajasthan	BIKANER
106	Rajasthan	SIKAR
107	Rajasthan	Alwar
108	Rajasthan	KARAULI
109	Rajasthan	DAUSA
110	Rajasthan	Jodhpur
111	Sikkim	Gangtok
112	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
113	Tamil Nadu	Vellore
114	Tamil Nadu	Tirupathur
115	Tamil Nadu	Mayiladuthurai
116	Tamil Nadu	Salem
117	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
118	Tamil Nadu	Namakkal
119	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul
120	Tamil Nadu	Perambalur
121	Tamil Nadu	Thanjavur
122	Telangana	Nalgonda
123	Telangana	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri
124	Telangana	Hyderabad
125	Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem
126	Telangana	Adilabad
127	Telangana	Nirmal
128	Telangana	Kamareddy
129	Telangana	Wanaparthi
130	Telangana	Komarambheem Asifabad
131	Telangana	Jogulamba Gadwal
132	Tripura	South Tripura
133	Tripura	North Tripura
134	Tripura	Unakoti
135	Tripura	Dhalai
136	Uttar Pradesh	Prayagraj
137	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
138	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
139	Uttar Pradesh	Agra
140	Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar
141	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot
142	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi
143	Uttar Pradesh	Jyotiba Phule Nagar
144	Uttar Pradesh	Gautam Buddha Nagar
145	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
146	Uttarkhand	Udhamsingh Nagar
147	Uttarkhand	Haridwar
148	Uttarkhand	Champurhat
149	West Bengal	Jhargram
150	West Bengal	Dakshin Dinajpur
151	West Bengal	Malda

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JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN: CATCH THE RAIN -2023		
Sl. No.	State	District
1	A&N Islands	N & M Andaman
2	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Sathya Sai
3	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor
4	Andhra Pradesh	Annamayya
5	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam
6	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa
7	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum Pare
8	Arunachal Pradesh	East Siang
9	Arunachal Pradesh	Lohit
10	Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Dibang Valley
11	Arunachal Pradesh	Longding
12	Assam	Dima Hasao
13	Assam	Darrang
14	Assam	Kamrup
15	Assam	Dhubri
16	Assam	Barpeta
17	Bihar	Gaya
18	Bihar	Nawada
19	Bihar	Kaimur
20	Bihar	Rohtas
21	Bihar	Aurangabad
22	Chhattisgarh	Bemetara
23	Chhattisgarh	Durg
24	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh
25	Chhattisgarh	Dhamtari
26	Chhattisgarh	Korba
27	DNH & DD	Dadra And Nagar Haveli
28	Goa	North Goa
29	Goa	South Goa
30	Gujarat	Mahi Sagar
31	Gujarat	Surender Nagar
32	Gujarat	Patan
33	Gujarat	Banas kantha
34	Gujarat	Panch Mahal
35	Haryana	Kurukshetra
36	Haryana	Bhiwani
37	Haryana	Palwal
38	Haryana	Hisar
39	Haryana	Panchkula
40	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
41	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra
42	Himachal Pradesh	Solan
43	Himachal Pradesh	Mandi
44	Himachal Pradesh	Sirmour
45	Jammu & Kashmir	Ganderbal

46	Jammu & Kashmir	Doda
47	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
48	Jammu & Kashmir	Ramban
49	Jammu & Kashmir	Bandipora
50	Jharkhand	Dhanbad
51	Jharkhand	Koderma
52	Jharkhand	Ramgarh
53	Jharkhand	Deoghar
54	Jharkhand	Ranchi
55	Karnataka	Chitradurga
56	Karnataka	Chikkaballapura
57	Karnataka	Tumkur
58	Karnataka	Vijayapura
59	Karnataka	Bangalore Rural
60	Kerala	Kasargod
61	Kerala	Malappuram
62	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
63	Kerala	Kozhikkode
64	Kerala	Thrissur
65	Ladakh	Kargil
66	Ladakh	Leh
67	Madhya Pradesh	Tikamgarh
68	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
69	Madhya Pradesh	Sagar
70	Madhya Pradesh	Seoni
71	Madhya Pradesh	Shajapur
72	Maharashtra	Pune
73	Maharashtra	Raigad
74	Maharashtra	Nashik
75	Maharashtra	Ratnagiri
76	Maharashtra	Thane
77	Manipur	Chandel
78	Manipur	Churachanpur
79	Manipur	Imphal East
80	Manipur	Imphal West
81	Manipur	Bishnupur
82	Meghalaya	Ribhoi
83	Meghalaya	South West Garo Hills
84	Meghalaya	West Garo Hills
85	Meghalaya	East Garo Hills
86	Meghalaya	West Jaintia Hills
87	Mizoram	Lunglei
88	Mizoram	Aizawl
89	Mizoram	Serchhip
90	Mizoram	Saiha
91	Mizoram	Lawngtlai
92	Nagaland	Longleng
93	Nagaland	Kohima
94	Nagaland	Tuensang
95	Nagaland	Zunheboto
96	Nagaland	Kiphire
97	Odisha	Sundergarh
98	Odisha	Jharsuguda

99	Odisha	Bargarh
100	Odisha	Angul
101	Odisha	Gajapati
102	Puducherry	Puducherry
103	Puducherry	Karaikal
104	Punjab	Jalandhar
105	Punjab	Kapurthala
106	Punjab	Malerkotla
107	Punjab	Moga
108	Punjab	Sangrur
109	Punjab	Barnala
110	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
111	Rajasthan	Barmer
112	Rajasthan	Jodhpur
113	Rajasthan	Pali
114	Rajasthan	Rajsamand
115	Rajasthan	Jaipur
116	Sikkim	Namchi
117	Sikkim	Gangtok
118	Sikkim	Soreng
119	Sikkim	Gyalshing
120	Sikkim	Pakyong
121	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram
122	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar
123	Tamil Nadu	Pudukottai
124	Tamil Nadu	Dharmapuri
125	Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore
126	Telangana	Jangaon
127	Telangana	Siddipet
128	Telangana	Mahabubnagar
129	Telangana	Rajanna Siricilla
130	Telangana	Rangareddy
131	Tripura	Dhalai
132	Tripura	North Tripura
133	Tripura	Khowai
134	Tripura	Unakoti
135	Tripura	Sepahijala
136	Uttar Pradesh	Mahoba
137	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot
138	Uttar Pradesh	Banda
139	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi
140	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
141	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
142	Uttarakhand	Pauri Garhwal
143	Uttarakhand	Nainital
144	Uttarakhand	Almora
145	Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh
146	West Bengal	Jhargram
147	West Bengal	Purulia
148	West Bengal	Paschim Medinipur
149	West Bengal	Paschim Burdwan
150	West Bengal	Bankura
