

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.891

ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

KUMBHARAM LIFT PROJECT FOR RAJASTHAN

891 .# SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of the water shortage in Sikar and surrounding areas of the State of Rajasthan, Government has planned to provide water from the Kumbharam Lift Project;
- (b) if so, the names of the villages likely to be benefited by the scheme and the details thereof; and
- (c) the current status of the said scheme and the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, it is for the State Government concerned to plan, execute, operate and manage the irrigation projects. Role of Government of India is limited to providing technical support and, in some cases, partial financial assistance under the existing schemes implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Government of Rajasthan has informed that the Indira Gandhi Canal based drinking water project to ensure adequate water supply to the areas of Sikar and Jhunjhunu districts of Rajasthan has been approved by the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) in its 37th meeting held on 30.05.2023 at an estimated cost of Rs. 7,799.23 crore. This project is proposed to benefit 864 villages, 7 main and 6 census towns of Sikar and 269 villages and 5 towns of Jhunjhunu district.

Administrative Approval to the project has been accorded. Water allocation for the project has also been approved by Water Resources Department, Government of Rajasthan on 24.09.2025. Rajasthan Water Supply and Sewerage Corporation has been identified as Executing Agency.
