

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. – 1059
ANSWERED ON 09/02/2026

JAL JEVAN MISSION IN ODISHA

1059. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry will support the State of Odisha in deploying solar-powered piped water schemes in inaccessible and off-grid tribal areas under Jal Jevan Mission (JJM); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

- (a) and (b) Since August 2019, the Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal, in partnership with States/ UTs including Odisha, to make provision of tap water connection to every rural household of the country. ‘Water’ being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance (O&M) of drinking water supply schemes/ works, including those under JJM, lies with State/ UT Governments. Government of India supports the states by providing technical and financial assistance. Further, the operational guidelines of JJM provides for mini solar power-based piped water supply schemes as one of the permissible technological interventions, particularly in scattered/isolated/tribal/hilly villages, to enable provision of tap water connections in such areas.
