

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1061
ANSWERED ON 09/02/2026

WATER POLLUTION IN KONKAN REGION

1061#. SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise number of settlements affected by chemical contaminants (salinity, iron, nitrate) in Konkan region as of January, 2026;
- (b) the details of the additional 10 per cent weightage given to quality-affected areas in the funds allocated to the State of Maharashtra under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the year 2025- 26;
- (c) the number of water samples tested by NABL laboratories in Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts during the last twelve months; and
- (d) the percentage of rural households in salinity-affected areas that lack Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) due to technical reasons?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal, was launched in August 2019, in partnership with States/ UTs to make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular & long-term basis to rural households. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, as per existing guidelines, Bureau of Indian Standards' BIS:10500 standards are adopted as benchmark for quality of water being supplied through the piped water supply schemes. Under JJM, while planning water supply schemes to provide tap water supply to households, priority is given to quality affected habitations including salinity, iron and nitrate. States/ UTs have been advised to plan and implement piped water supply schemes based on alternative safe water sources for the villages with water quality issues.

Under JJM, a web based integrated management information system (JJM-IMIS) and water quality management information system (WQMIS) have been developed for online reporting of water quality monitoring and surveillance, where States/UTs report the status of habitations that have contamination in their drinking water sources. As reported by the States of Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka on JJM-IMIS, as on date, there are no quality affected habitations.

The number of samples tested in drinking water testing laboratories in Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg district as reported by the State of Maharashtra on JJM-WQMIS during 2024-25 and 2025-26 are given below:

District	No. of samples tested in water quality testing laboratories	
	2024-25	2025-26*
Raigad	14,543	13,614
Ratnagiri	21,546	18,317
Sindhudurg	12,833	6,899

* as on 04.02.2026

Source: JJM-WQMIS

Hon'ble Finance Minister has announced extension of Jal Jeevan Mission till December 2028 with enhanced total outlay through budget announcements of 2025-26. Under JJM, no amount has been allocated to any State/ UT, including Maharashtra, in 2025-26 as proposal for continuation of JJM till December 2028 with enhanced total outlay is still under consideration.
