

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3445**  
ANSWERED ON 23/03/2026

**JAL JEEVAN MISSION COVERAGE CLAIMS VS FUNCTIONALITY**

3445 SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of rural households reported as having Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) as on date;
- (b) the findings of any third-party verification or audit regarding functionality and regularity of water supply; and
- (c) the number of habitations reporting source failure or seasonal scarcity despite reported coverage?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) To enable every rural household in the country to have assured potable water, in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis, through tap water connection, since August 2019, Government of India in partnership with states, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - Har Ghar Jal.

At the start the Mission, only 3.23 Crore (16.7%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 03.03.2026, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal more than 12.58 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 03.03.2026, out of around 19.36 Crore rural households in the country, around 15.82 Crore (81.71%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

The Department conducts periodic Functionality Assessment of Household Tap Connections (FHTC) through independent third-party agencies using statistically representative sampling across all States/UTs covering villages, households, public institutions and water supply schemes. The assessment includes verification of tap connection, quantity of water supply, regularity, water quality testing through NABL accredited laboratories. In the latest round, survey was conducted across 22,812 villages (19,812 HGJ and 3,000 Non-HGJ villages), covering about 2.74 lakh households in 761 districts across 34 States/UTs. The assessment indicated that 98.1% households in surveyed villages had tap connections, while functionality parameters showed that about 87% connections were working, 84% households received water as per schedule, 80% households received  $\geq 55$  LPCD, and 76% households met potability standards, with overall functionality of household tap connections assessed at about 76%.

Water being a state subject, States/UTs have been advised to take corrective measures to improve regularity, adequacy, water quality and operation & maintenance wherever gaps are observed.

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