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DRINKING WATER FACILITY IN ANGANWADI CENTRES

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) State-wise/UT-wise number of Anganwadi centres where drinking water samples were tested, between 2019 and 2025;
- (b) State-wise/UT-wise number of such samples found unsafe for consumption, including due to microbiological contamination during the same time;
- (c) State-wise/UT-wise number of Anganwadi centres lacking access to functional potable drinking water facilities; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to strengthen drinking water quality monitoring in Anganwadi centres?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d) As per the information received from Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, drinking water being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the JJM, lies with State/UT Governments.

Since August 2019, Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in partnership with States/ UTs to make provision of potable water to every rural household, as well as schools and Anganwadi centres through functional tap water connection. Under JJM, 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 the Jal Jeevan Mission, Field Test Kits (FTKs) are promoted as a community-based tool for surveillance of drinking water quality at the delivery points including at villages, schools, and Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and for undertaking Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) activities.

The State-wise details of water samples collected from Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and tested in water quality testing laboratories, as reported by States and UTs on JJM-WQMIS since 2022-23 to 2026-27 (as on 24.07.2026) are at Annexure.

Under JJM, to enable the States and UTs for online reporting of water quality monitoring and surveillance including test reports of water samples for water quality, sample collection etc. for drinking water, an online JJM – Water Quality Management Information System (WQMIS) portal has been developed. The State-wise details of water quality test reported through WQMIS are available in public domain and can be accessed at: <https://ejalshakti.gov.in/WQMIS/Main/report>.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, funds @Rs.17,000/- per Anganwadi centre (AWC) are provided to States and UTs for provision of drinking water facility at AWC. The district wise details of infrastructure facilities including drinking water facility at anganwadi centres across the country can be accessed from Poshan Tracker at <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>.

Two lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located in Government buildings have been sanctioned for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadis for delivery of improved nutrition and for Early Childhood Care and Education in the 15th Finance Commission cycle under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Saksham Anganwadis are provided with infrastructure such as LED screens, water filtration system, Poshan Vatika, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) material and Building as Learning Aid (BALA) paintings.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RS UNSTARRED Q.NO.1268 FOR ANSWER ON 29.07.2026 REGARDING DRINKING WATER FACILITY IN ANGANWADI CENTRES

State-wise details of water samples from Anganwadi centres (AWCs) tested in water quality testing laboratories

S. no.	State name	No. of drinking water samples from Anganwadi centres tested in labs				
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27*
1.	A & N Islands	5	33	91	473	61
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23,584	22,417	28,943	47,492	16,972
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1,447	5,048	3,246	1,683	347
4.	Assam	5,665	21,501	24,868	21,278	6,618
5.	Bihar	43,862	52,374	60,958	22,563	1,474
6.	Chhattisgarh	8,524	9,739	7,735	5,771	1,148
7.	DNH And DD	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Goa	325	541	761	425	74
9.	Gujarat	11,113	14,957	5,125	61,243	27,095
10.	Haryana	-	-	-	-	-
11.	Himachal Pradesh	5,296	6,083	15,529	29,506	5,629
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	34,168	61,925	70,569	96,270	29,708
13.	Jharkhand	9,623	24,512	15,254	14,804	2,954
14.	Karnataka	12,564	22,855	25,922	17,738	5,422
15.	Kerala	26,824	41,193	46,099	67,344	16,914
16.	Ladakh	347	1,454	1,773	903	81
17.	Lakshadweep	120	146	151	77	49
18.	Madhya Pradesh	56,987	50,009	49,112	56,912	49,594
19.	Maharashtra	11,201	38,889	30,050	36,259	19,971
20.	Manipur	4,658	6,393	6,225	1,641	254
21.	Meghalaya	2,251	5,092	4,701	4,879	2,300
22.	Mizoram	501	4,777	4,095	1,459	566
23.	Nagaland	251	549	180	50	5
24.	Odisha	12,480	49,731	48,704	50,964	17,431
25.	Puducherry	2	97	5	-	-
26.	Punjab	197	1,357	3,091	2,957	1,682
27.	Rajasthan	1,762	16,796	18,406	8,789	1,343
28.	Sikkim	160	314	1,981	1,496	526
29.	Tamil Nadu	44,302	52,481	56,908	1,46,615	92,926
30.	Telangana	26,055	52,926	53,850	48,358	14,088
31.	Tripura	874	7,491	12,458	11,530	3,596
32.	Uttar Pradesh	35,920	1,16,516	2,18,957	1,88,579	23,784
33.	Uttarakhand	6,778	13,461	15,735	12,396	1,825
34.	West Bengal	334	38,712	1,05,653	82,529	17,345

2026-27* as on 24.07.2026

Source: JJM-WQMIS
