

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1444
TO BE ANSWERED ON - 15.12.2022

WATER TESTING LABORATORIES

1444. SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal has been received by the Union Government from some States including Tamil Nadu to set up limited number of water testing laboratories at block/district level in each State during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof especially in the backward and rural regions of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the action taken or being taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Union Government is contemplating/implementing any proposal/scheme in regard to setting up of water testing laboratories in the country including Tamil Nadu, especially in each district of backward regions to ensure potable water to rural and backward regions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (e) To make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular & long-term basis to every rural household in the country including in Tamil Nadu by 2024, since August, 2019, Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal.

Water being a state subject, planning, approval and implementation of drinking water supply schemes and setting up of drinking water quality testing laboratories, lies with State/UT governments. As such individual projects/ schemes for rural water supply and water testing laboratories are not approved at the Government of India level.

Under JJM, States/ UTs can utilize upto 2% of their annual allocation for taking up water quality monitoring & surveillance activities *inter alia* which includes setting up and strengthening of drinking water quality testing laboratories at different levels viz. State, District, sub-division and/or block level. As reported by States/UTs, as on date, there are 2,073 drinking water quality testing laboratories at different levels viz. State, District, sub-division and/ or block level in the country. State-wise details of drinking water quality testing laboratories is **Annexed**.

Annex referred in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1444 to be answered on 15.12.2022

State-wise details of drinking water quality testing laboratories

S. No.	State	No. of drinking water quality testing laboratories			
		State	Regional/ District	Block/ sub- Division/ Mobile	Total
1.	A & N Islands	1	3	7	11
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1	13	98	112
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	20	15	36
4.	Assam	1	26	56	83
5.	Bihar	1	37	84	122
6.	Chhattisgarh	1	28	41	70
7.	Goa	1	-	13	14
8.	Gujarat	1	33	46	80
9.	Haryana	1	21	22	44
10.	Himachal Pradesh	-	14	57	71
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	20	76	98
12.	Jharkhand	1	24	5	30
13.	Karnataka	2	31	47	80
14.	Kerala	4	14	70	88
15.	Ladakh	-	2	3	5
16.	Lakshadweep	-	-	9	9
17.	Madhya Pradesh	1	51	103	155
18.	Maharashtra	-	34	143	177
19.	Manipur	1	12	-	13
20.	Meghalaya	1	7	22	30
21.	Mizoram	1	8	18	27
22.	Nagaland	1	11	-	12
23.	Odisha	1	30	46	77
24.	Puducherry	-	2	-	2
25.	Punjab	1	23	9	33
26.	Rajasthan	2	32	20	54
27.	Sikkim	1	1	-	2
28.	Tamil Nadu	1	31	81	113
29.	Telangana	1	19	56	76
30.	Tripura	1	8	12	21
31.	Uttar Pradesh	1	75	5	81
32.	Uttarakhand	1	13	13	27
33.	West Bengal	1	22	197	220
Total		34	665	1,374	2,073

Source: JJM-WQMIS