

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2550
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Jal Jeevan Mission

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to provide safe water to every household under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the challenges being faced by the Government in implementing JJM;
- (c) the number of SC/ST rural households which have been provided with potable tap water under the said Mission during each of the last three years and the current year in Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the Government has held consultations with the States/UTs and various stakeholders regarding the modalities for implementation of JJM in a time-bound manner and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the estimated number of remote rural households not yet covered under the said scheme across the country especially in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Government of India, in partnership with States/UTs is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), since August, 2019, to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household in the country, including in Maharashtra. JJM follows a universal approach to cover all rural households including the remote rural households.

Following the principle of 'no one is left out', under Jal Jeevan Mission, provision of tap water supply is envisaged for every rural household, including all SC/ ST rural households of Maharashtra. Further, priority is given for provision of tap water supply in water quality affected habitations, desert and drought-prone areas, SC/ ST villages, Aspirational & JE - AES affected districts, Saansad Adarsh Gramin Yojana villages, etc.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, 3.23 Crore rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 14.03.2023, 8.19 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections in last three and half years under JJM. Thus, as on 14.03.2023, out of 19.42 Crore rural households in the country, around 11.42 Crore (58.82%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes. Community-wise details are not maintained at the national level. The year-wise details of the number of households having provision of tap water supply in their homes in Maharashtra during 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 is as under:

(Nos in lakh)

Financial Year	No. of household connections provided
2019-20	5.45
2020-21	37.09
2021-22	10.66
2022-23*	6.63

*as on 13.03.2023

Lack of dependable drinking water sources in water-stressed areas, presence of geo-genic contaminants in ground water, uneven geographical terrain, scattered rural habitations, lack of capacity of the local village communities to manage and operate in-village water supply infrastructure, etc., are few challenges being faced in the implementation of the mission.

After the announcement of JJM, a conference of Ministers in-charge of rural water supply of States/ UTs was held in New Delhi followed by five regional workshops involving States/ UTs and other stakeholders working in water sector, to discuss the modalities for implementation as well as for firming up the operational guidelines for the mission. Inputs received from various stakeholders including line ministries were examined and those found in consonance with the approval of the Government, have been incorporated while framing the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission and the same have been released on 25th December, 2019.

As reported by the state on JJM-IMIS, as on 13.03.2023, out of total 146.73 lakh rural households in Maharashtra, provision of tap water supply has been made to 108.19 lakh (73.73%) households. The number of remaining rural households in Maharashtra is 38.54 lakhs.

As reported by States/UTs , the number of remaining households to be provided with tap water Connection is 8.01 crore in the country including Maharashtra . As such, information on remote rural households is not maintained separately.
