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JAL SHAKTI KENDRA IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the districts in Kerala which have a Jal Shakti Kendra;
- (b) the time by which each district would be provided one Jal Shakti Kendra along with the reasons for the delay in assuring each district in Kerala;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any geo-tagging or maintained an inventory of all the water bodies in Kerala:
- (d) if so, the time by which the preparation of scientific plans for water conservation based on this geotagging would be completed; and
- (e) the time by which all the ongoing Jal Shakti Abhiyan projects in the nine identified districts in Kerala would be completed?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

- (a) & (b) As per the information available on the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA:CTR) portal (https://jsactr.mowr.gov.in/), all 14 districts of Kerala have reported the establishment of Jal Shakti Kendra.
- (c) & (d) Water is a State subject and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States through technical and financial support. Enumerating, geo-tagging & making inventory of all water bodies and preparation of scientific plans for water conservation based on it is one of the focused interventions of Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA:CTR) campaign. Under this Campaign, all State Governments/UTs including Kerala have been requested by the Ministry of Jal Shakti to enumerate, geotag and create inventory of all water bodies and to upload the same on JSA:CTR portal. States/UTs including Kerala have also been advised to prepare scientific water conservation plan for each district. As per the information uploaded on JSA:CTR portal, Kerala has so far prepared 12 water conservation plans. State Government of Kerala has not intimated any timelines for completion of water conservation plans for remaining two districts.
- **(e)** JSA:CTR has been implemented across the country including Kerala on an annual basis and therefore the projects undertaken during the campaign is a continuous process. Since water is a state subject, the time lines for the projects executed under JSA:CTR are defined by the respective states. However, the Central Government undertakes MIS based monitoring to assess the progress of the activities/projects under JSA:CTR.
