

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *107

ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023

CLEANING OF RESERVOIRS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether steps have been taken by the Union Government to facilitate cleaning of large water bodies/reservoirs in Jharkhand which have got polluted due to various reasons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for the purpose of cleaning these water bodies/reservoirs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide clean drinking water to the people of Jharkhand during the last three years and the details of the funds released in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *107 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023 REGARDING “CLEANING OF RESERVOIRS”.

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, it is for the State Government concerned, including Jharkhand, to take up cleaning of large water bodies/reservoirs in their respective jurisdiction, which have got polluted due to various reasons. However, Government of Jharkhand has informed that there is no reservoir presently reported as polluted under its Water Resources Department.

Further, some of the measures taken by Government of India to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for rejuvenation of reservoirs and water bodies are given below.

1. Government of India is providing financial assistance to the identified schemes under Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies (RRR of WBs) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)-Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP).
2. Focused interventions under Jal Shakti Abhiyan campaigns taken up by the Government of India and the State Governments include renovation of traditional and other water bodies/tanks, enumeration, geo-tagging and making inventory of all water bodies, removal of encroachments of tanks/ lakes, and de-silting of tanks. Interventions taken up in Jal Shakti Abhiyan are inter alia funded under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), which has provisions for public works relating to natural resource management, water conservation and water harvesting structures to augment and improve ground water like underground dykes, earthen dams, stop dams, check dams and roof top rain water harvesting structures in public buildings.
3. Rejuvenation of water bodies is also a component under water supply sector of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) Scheme under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. Further, AMRUT 2.0 launched in October, 2021, targets to promote circular economy of water through development of city water balance plan for each city focusing on recycle/reuse of treated sewage, rejuvenation of water bodies and water conservation.

(d) Since August 2019, Government of India, in partnership with State Governments, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-Har Ghar Jal to enable every rural household in the country including those in Jharkhand, to have assured potable water through tap connection.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 3.45 Lakh (5.63%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections in Jharkhand. So far, as reported by the State as on 26.07.2023,

around 20.50 Lakh rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 26.07.2023, out of 61.28 Lakh rural households in the State, around 23.95 Lakh (39.08%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

Under Jal Jeevan Mission the details of Central fund allocated released and utilised by the State of Jharkhand is as under:

Amount (Rs. in crore)

Year	Central share					Expenditure under State share
	Opening Balance	Fund allocated	Fund drawn	Available fund	Reported utilization	
2019-20	75.79	267.69	291.19	382.97	114.58	119.71
2020-21	268.39	572.24	143.06	411.45	286.62	177.73
2021-22	124.83	2,479.88	512.22	637.05	437.21	510.99
2022-23	199.83	2,825.52	2,119.14	2,318.97	1,789.85	1,593.00
2023-24*	529.13	4,722.76	ND	529.13	411.26	684.89

*as on 26.07.2023

ND: Not drawn
