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OBJECTIVES OF ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the main features and objectives of the Atal Bhujal Yojana;
- (b) the details of the States covered under the said scheme;
- (c) whether the State of Chhattisgarh has not been covered under the said scheme and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of works being done under Atal Bhujal Yojana and Jal Jeevan Mission under Har Ghar Nal se Jal Programme; and
- (e) the details of funds released for the implementation of the said schemes in Chhattisgarh, district-wise including Bilaspur, Mugeli, Gaurela-Pendar-Marwahi?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Atal Bhujal Yojana has been designed as a pilot scheme for fostering sustainable groundwater management through community with focus on behavioural change and suitable awareness programs along with capacity building and emphasis on activities targeting demand side management. It also targets strengthening the institutional framework for participatory groundwater management through convergence of various field level activities.

The scheme is being implemented in 7 States, viz., Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for a period of 5 years from 01.04.2020.

(c) Chhattisgarh is not covered under Atal Bhujal Yojana. States for implementation of the scheme were finalized based on several criteria including Institutional preparedness, hydrogeological conditions in addition to ground water over-exploitation / water stress conditions.

(d) The communities in all identified 8220 Gram Panchayats in 7 States have been mobilized through existing village and Water Sanitation Committees and their capacities have been built up through focused Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and training programs in terms of ground water data collection and its importance water budgeting for informed and decentralized decision making.

Community led Water Security Plans (WSPs) have been prepared in all participating GPs. These WSPs contain details about water budget and proposed supply side interventions such as check dams,

farm ponds, recharge shafts and other artificial recharge / water conservation structures and demand side interventions such as micro-irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines etc, These interventions are being implemented through convergence of various Central / State Government Schemes by concerned line departments.

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, to have assured potable water through tap connection.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 24.07.2023, around 9.40 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 24.07.2023, out of 19.47 Crore rural households in the country, around 12.63 Crore (64.9%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes and the remaining 6.84 Crore are likely to be covered by 2024. The State-wise status of tap water connection in rural areas, is in public domain and available on JJM dashboard at: <https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx>

To achieve the goal of JJM in the whole country with speed and scale, Government of India is handholding the States, to expedite the implementation of the mission through number of steps inter alia, which includes joint discussion and finalization of annual action plan (AAP) of States/ UTs, regular review of implementation, workshops/ conferences/ webinars for capacity building and knowledge sharing, field visits by multi-disciplinary team to provide technical support, etc. A detailed Operational Guideline for the implementation of JJM; Margdarshika for Gram Panchayats & VWSCs to provide safe drinking water in rural households and Guidelines on a special campaign to provide piped water supply in anganwadi centres, ashramshalas and schools have been shared with States/ UTs to facilitate planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

(e) Since, Atal Bhujal Yojana is not implemented in Chhattisgarh, no fund has been released under this scheme.

Under Jal Jeevan Mission District-wise fund allocations, schemes/ projects and details are not made and maintained. However, year-wise details of Central fund allocated, fund drawn and fund utilization reported by Chhattisgarh under Jal Jeevan Mission 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	31.58	208.04	65.82	97.40	39.23	37.55
2020-21	58.17	445.52	334.14	392.31	223.80	221.10
2021-22	168.52	1,908.96	477.24	645.76	498.69	488.63
2022-23	147.06	2,223.98	2,223.98	2,371.04	2,097.06	2,079.48
2023-24*	273.99	4,485.60	496.39	770.38	203.29	202.26

* As on 24.07.2023 source: JJM-IMIS
