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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2310

ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

IMPLEMENTATION OF ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA

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

- (a) the present status of implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana in the States of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Geographical priority areas have been identified under the Yojana and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the identified over-exploited and water stressed areas for implementation of the Yojana;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved the desired results of launching the Atal Bhujal Yojana, if so, the details of the progress made under the scheme so far;
- (e) the details of foreign or private collaborators under the scheme;
- (f) the details of number of villages in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu that have been covered so far under this scheme along with the number of BPL/SC/ST families benefitted, district-wise; and
- (g) whether improvement have been made in various parameters under Atal Bhujal Yojana in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu as per the mandate of the scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

- (a) Atal Bhujal is being implemented in 1133 Gram panchayats (GPs) of 43 Blocks under 13 Districts of Maharashtra. The scheme is not being implemented in Tamil Nadu.

Water Security Plans (WSPs) for all 1133 GPs in Maharashtra having details about water budget and proposed demand side interventions such as micro-irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines etc, and supply side interventions such as check dams, farm ponds, recharge shafts and other artificial recharge / water conservation structures, have been prepared and are being executed through convergence of various ongoing Central / State Government Schemes by concerned line departments.

(b) 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. Districts, Blocks and Gram Panchayats have been selected by the respective State Governments considering the criticality of ground water situation.

(c) List of Areas covered in Maharashtra under Atal Jal is attached at **Annexure**.

(d) Initially, the focus of the scheme was to establish institutional mechanism for sustainable ground water management which has been successfully done in all participating states. Further, the scheme aims at bringing behavioural change in the communities towards using more and more water saving techniques. This is being done through rigorous IEC and awareness activities at GP level. In addition, communities are being hand-held for building their capacities for monitoring ground water data and preparing water budget and WSP for their GP. All 8220 WSPs in seven participating States have been prepared.

This scheme is first of its kind in taking up demand side interventions along with supply side interventions. States are being incentivized on bringing irrigated area under water saving techniques such as micro irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines, feeder separation etc. As per the verification of results, 50% of the target (total target 4.5 lakh hectare) has been achieved by the States.

(e) Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) is being implemented in collaboration with World Bank with financial assistance of Rs. 3000 cr. as loan.

(f) The scheme is implemented in water stressed areas and directed at general public, including marginal and poor farmers, SC/ST, and other vulnerable groups. In general, the scheme does not target individual beneficiary. The increased availability and sustainability of water is to have a positive impact on all the social groups. As per the information provided by State, Districts wise details of villages in Maharashtra is given at **Annexure**.

(g) The scheme is not being implemented in Tamil Nadu. In Maharashtra, all 1133 WSPs have been prepared. The activities in WSPs are being implemented in convergence with ongoing central/state schemes. Further, Maharashtra has also brought an area of 37777 ha. under water efficient practices.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2310 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2023 REGARDING “IMPLEMENTATION OF ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA”.

Atal Bhujal Yojana in Maharashtra
Districts-13 , Blocks -43, Grampanchayats-1133, Villages-1442

District	Block	Gram Panchayat	Villages covered
Ahmednagar	Karjat	21	24
	Rahata	11	11
	Sangamner	68	75
Amravati	Chandurbazar	24	55
	Morshi	27	75
	Warud	42	84
Buldhana	Malkapur	1	1
	Motala	41	68
Jalgaon	Amalner	27	31
	Parola	24	32
	Rever	6	7
	Yawal	43	45
Jalna	Ghansawangi	15	20
	Jalna	8	8
	Patur	14	14
Latur	Chakur	19	21
	Latur	58	66
	Nilanga	29	39
	Renapur	8	9
	Shirur Anantpal	1	1
Nagpur	Katol	60	108
	Narkhed	11	14
Nashik	Deola	37	42
	Nashik	4	4
	Sinnar	75	85
Osmanabad	Omerga	3	5
	Osmanabad	45	50
Pune	Baramati	66	73
	Indapur	3	3
	Purandar	37	42
Sangli	Jath	21	22
	Kavathemahankal	44	44
	Khanapur-Vita	13	13
	Miraj	2	2
	Tasgaon	14	14
Satara	Khatav	31	32
	Mahabaleshwar	1	1
	Man	35	39
	Wai	30	43
Solapur	Madha	19	19
	Malshiras	64	68
	Mohol	23	25
	Pandharpur	8	8