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GOALS OF NATIONAL WATER MISSION

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

- (a) the goals of the National Water Mission;
- (b) the quantum of funds allocated and spent under the Mission including Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;
- (c) the goals achieved during the last three years;
- (d) whether there is a designated secretariat responsible for its implementation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

- (a) Goals of the National Water Mission (NWM) are as follows:
 - 1. Comprehensive water database in the public domain;
 - 2. Assessment of the impact of climate change on water resources;
 - 3. Promotion of citizen and State action for water conservation, augmentation; and preservation with a focus on vulnerable and over-exploited areas;
 - 4. Increasing water use efficiency by 20%; and
 - 5. Promotion of basin-level integrated water resources management.
- (b) Funds amounting to Rs 32.53 crore have been spent under 'Research & Development and Implementation of National Water Mission' during the last three years including for Andhra Pradesh. Funds from other schemes viz Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), 15th Finance Commission Grants, Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Fund (CAMPA fund), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) etc. are also spent on the activities of the National Water Mission. As per the information available on JSA:CTR portal, Rs. 98,760 crore have been spent from MGNREGS alone for implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain undertaken by the National Water Mission which includes Rs 8,461.58 crore for Andhra Pradesh. Besides, 15th Finance Commission in its report for 2021-22 to 2025-26 has earmarked 60 percent of the tied grants for water and sanitation related activities of which 50 percent is water component to be utilized by Rural Local Bodies/ Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- (c) In order to accomplish 5 Goals of the National Water Mission, the Mission, in addition to works done by other Agencies, Flagships, etc of the MoJS & partner Ministers, undertakes various activities/ projects/ schemes/ campaigns etc from time to time. Some of the major activities undertaken by the Mission during last three years are as follows:

- i. Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA:CTR) campaign, which aims to encourage water conservation at grass-root levels with people's participation, has been implemented across the country on annual basis since 2021. The focused interventions of the campaign include (1) water conservation and rainwater harvesting (2) enumerating, geo-tagging & making inventory of all water bodies; preparation of scientific plans for water conservation based on it (3) Setting up of Jal Shakti Kendras in all districts (4) intensive afforestation and (5) awareness generation. The achievements of JSA:CTR (from 2019 to till date) includes implementation of more than 1.00 crore water related works, plantation of about 130 crore saplings (intensive afforestation), organizing more than 1.30 lakh Kisan Melas/ Training Programmes, enumeration of about 25 lakh water bodies, establishment of 655 Jal Shakti Kendras and preparation of 388 District Water Conservation plans.
- ii. Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (BWUE) has been established on 20.10.2022 to act as a facilitator for promotion, regulation and water use efficiency across various sectors.
- iii. The State Specific Action Plans (SSAPs) have been taken up for integrated water resource management in each State/UT under the National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC).
- iv. 26 Baseline Studies have been awarded to four premier institutes to evaluate water use efficiency of the completed major/medium irrigation projects.
- v. 1st All India Annual State Ministers' Conference 'WaterVision@2047' was held on 5th & 6th January, 2023 at Bhopal to discuss vision for water security during the next 25 years. A Task Force has been constituted under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary for implementation of the recommendations arisen out of the Conference.
- vi. India-WRIS portal has been created with the aim of dissemination of data in public domain. Jal-Itihas portal with 75 water heritage structures has been launched as sub-portal under India-WRIS portal of National Water Informatics Centre during 1st All India Annual State Ministers' Conference.
- vii. Seven research and development studies have been completed on assessment of impact of climate change on water resources related to Goal 2 of the National Water Mission.
- viii. 49 Water Talks and 40 Webinars on 'Dialogue with DMs' have been organized.
- ix. Regular meetings on 'Inter-sectoral Convergence' are held with partner ministries to discuss actions being taken in these Ministries with regard to conserving water, increasing water use efficiency, minimizing wastage, IEC etc
- x. Water Security Plans, for more than 8000 Gram Panchayats for 80 water stressed districts, have been made under the Atal Bhujal Yojana based on community participation to finally embed them for technical & convergent resource support in the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) of MoPR.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. A dedicated office has been set up as National Water Mission which is headed by a Mission Director of the rank of Additional Secretary who is currently assisted by Director/Deputy Secretary level officers with subordinate staff. Consultants/ Young Professionals who are subject matter experts are also engaged with the Mission for providing technical guidance/ assistance. Besides, Research & Development Wing and Bureau of Water Use Efficiency constitute important organs of the National Water Mission.
