

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

LOK SABHA
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JJM in Kerala

2516. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) projects are yet to be included in drought prone areas of Kerala particularly in Kadambar area in Meenja Grama Panchayat of Kasargod district and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details and the progress of JJM projects in Kasargod district in Kerala;
- (c) whether extreme drought prone areas like Meenja Grama Panchayat would be included under JJM in the next phase and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d) Government of India, in partnership with States/UTs is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), since August 2019, to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household in the country including Kasargod district of Kerala. JJM follows a saturation approach and as such no district with rural households has been excluded from the scheme.

Water is a state subject and the powers to plan, approve, implement, operate & maintain water supply projects are vested with respective States. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance. As such individual projects/ schemes for rural water supply are not approved at the Government of India level.

Under JJM, while allocating the fund to States/ UTs, 30% weightage is assigned for difficult terrains which *inter alia* include areas under Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), to prioritize the coverage in these areas.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, 0.39 lakh rural households were reported to have tap water connections in Kasargod district of Kerala. Since then, an additional 0.33 lakh rural households have been provided with tap water connections in the last four years under JJM. Thus, as on 31.07.2023, out of 2.54 lakh rural households in the Kasargod district of Kerala, around 0.72 lakh (28.57%) households are reported to have tap water supply. In Meenja Gram Panchayat, in Kasargod district, out of 4,929 rural households, 1,879 households (38.12%) are reported to have tap water supply.

The State, district, and village-wise detailed information on household with tap water connection including that of Kerala, is available on JJM dashboard, which is in public domain at:

<https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx>
