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IMPLEMENTATION OF JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN

3518. SHRI RAJU BISTA

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

- (a) the details of the implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Atal Bhujal Yojana in the State of West Bengal, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the work completed in Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur districts under the said schemes; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated/released/utilised under the said scheme in West Bengal, district-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain is a campaign which aims to encourage water conservation at grass-root levels with people's participation. Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) was launched in the year 2019 in 256 water stressed districts of the country which has later been implemented across the country annually as "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" (JSA: CTR) since 2021. The fourth in the series, JSA: CTR 2023 has been launched on 04.03.2023 by Hon'ble President with the theme "Source Sustainability for Drinking Water". The campaign covers all rural and urban areas of all districts (all blocks and municipalities) including West Bengal across the country. Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) is not implemented in West Bengal.

(b) As per information available on JSA:CTR Portal (jsactr.mowr@gov.in) 3534, 402 and 7968 water related works have been completed under JSA:CTR in Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur districts respectively in West Bengal.

(c) Allocation and utilization of funds under JSA:CTR is with convergence of various Central and States' schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), 15th Finance Commission, Atal Mission For Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), etc. Rs. 2.00 lakhs has been allocated to every district of the country for geo-tagging of water bodies & for preparing of District Scientific Water Conservation Plan under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain campaign. The fund is released after receipt of bank mandate from the District. Rs. 1.00 lakh as first tranche has been released to Malda and Purba Medinipur districts of West Bengal.
