

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1924
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2023**

Access to Clean Water

1924. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is poised to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6.1, which aims to achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)**

(a) to (c) Government of India is committed to make provision for safe & potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on a regular & long-term basis to all rural households in the country, in line with the Goal 6.1 – “By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all”, of the Sustainable Development Goals. Towards this end, the Government of India launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), to be implemented in partnership with states, in August 2019. Drinking Water is a state subject, and hence, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the Jal Jeevan Mission, lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

Significant progress has been made in the country since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, towards enhancing access to tap water to rural households. At the start of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 Crore (16.8%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 10.12.2023, around 10.55 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 10.12.2023, out of 19.24 Crore rural households in the country, approximately 13.78 Crore (71.62%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes and the remaining 5.46 Crore are likely to be covered within the Mission Period, well before the 2030 timeline of the Sustainable Development Goals.
