

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-860
ANSWERED ON-07/12/2023.**

Drinking Water Supply in Odisha

860. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ensure a sustainable and safe drinking water supply for the residents of Balasore, considering the acute shortage of drinking water in Natakata village, Balasore district, Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to replace the defunct tube wells which were earlier placed in the district in order to prevent such shortages in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d) Government of India in partnership with States is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - Har Ghar Jal since August, 2019, to enable every rural household in the country, including those in the Natakata village, Balasore district of Odisha, to have tap water supply in adequate quantity (55 liters per capita per day) of prescribed quality (BIS:10500) on regular and long-term basis.

Drinking Water is a State subject, and as such planning, approval, implementation, operation and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those for sustenance of water sources, lies with State governments. Government of India only supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance. As such State/ UT-wise details of proposals and approval of individual projects/ schemes for rural water supply in the districts *inter alia* including those in Balasore district of Odisha, are not maintained at the Government of India level.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 3.11 lakh (3.5%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections in the State of Odisha. So far, as reported as on 04.12.2023, more than 57.36 lakh (64.7%) additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 04.12.2023, out of 88.64 lakh rural households in the State, more than

60.47 lakh (68%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes. Further, Natakata Village in Balasore district has been reported and certified as 'Har Ghar Jal' Village i.e. village with 100% households having tap water connection.
