

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *96 (16th position)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

Drinking Water Crisis in Maharashtra

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the serious crisis of drinking water arising due to continuously depleting water level across various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the appropriate steps taken by the Government to deal with the said situation;
- (c) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government in Ramtek-Nagpur Parliamentary Constituency and remote villages in this regard;
- (d) the details of the funds spent under various drinking water schemes in various districts of Maharashtra including Ramtek-Nagpur district during the last five years, district-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to implement any special scheme regarding availability of drinking water in adequate quantity; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (f) A Statement of reply is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *96 due for reply on 08.02.2024

(a) to (f) 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. Towards this end, the Government of India launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), to be implemented in partnership with states including Maharashtra, 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 for 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 06.02.2024, around 11.02 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 06.02.2024, out of 19.27 Crore rural households in the country, approximately 14.25 Crore (73.98%) households are reported to have tap water supply.

Similarly, good progress has been made in the State of Maharashtra including Ramtek-Nagpur district. At the start of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 48.43 lakh (33.03%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by Maharashtra as on 06.02.2024, around 74.27 lakh additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 06.02.2024, out of 1.46 Crore rural households in the State, approximately 1.22 Crore (83.68%) households are reported to have tap water supply. Nagpur district stands at 6th position in the State with 96.91% coverage.

Development of reliable drinking water sources and/ or augmentation of existing sources to provide long-term sustainability of water supply system in villages, is an integral part of Jal Jeevan Mission. Provision has been made for the preparation of Village Action Plan (VAP) by village community, which *inter alia* includes strengthening of drinking water sources in convergence with other schemes such as MGNREGS, Finance Commission grants to rural local bodies/ PRIs, MP & MLA's Local Area Development Fund, District Mineral Development Fund, CSR fund, etc.

The year-wise details of funds allocated, released, and utilized by Maharashtra under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) during the last five years are as under:

Year	Central share					Expenditure under State share
	Opening Balance	Budget allocation	Fund drawn by the State	Total available fund	Reported utilization	
2019-20	248.12	847.97	345.28	593.4	308.04	428.14
2020-21	285.35	1,828.92	457.23	742.58	473.59	324.16
2021-22	268.99	7,064.41	1,666.64	1,935.63	377.98	477.98

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

2022-23	1,557.65	7,831.25	3,915.62	5,473.27	3,109.69	2,972.28
2023-24*	2,363.58	21,465.88	5,583.20	7,946.78	5,578.24	5,800.77

* As on 05.02.2024

District-wise information related to schemes planned/ implemented, funds allocated, released, and utilized is not maintained at Government of India level.
