

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1035
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/02/2024**

JJM in Punjab

1035. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR RINKU:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM);
- (b) the details of backward villages and far-flung areas in Punjab to which tap water has been provided under this Mission during the last three years;
- (c) the details of backward villages and far-flung areas where the 'Nal se Jal' scheme has not been implemented so far along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any target in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government for its timely completion across the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) 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, 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.

The key features of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) are to make provision of potable water to every rural household through tap water connection at a service level of 55 litre per capita per day (lpcd), of prescribed quality (BIS:10500), on regular and long-term basis.

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 time of announcement of Jal Jeevan

Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 04.02.2024, additional 11.01 Crore rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 04.02.2024, out of 19.27 Crore rural households in the country, more than 14.24 Crore (73.93%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes and the remaining 5.03 Crore are likely to be covered within the Mission Period.

Similarly, at the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 16.78 lakh (49%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections in the State of Punjab. In April, 2023, by providing tap water connection to all the remaining 17.47 lakh rural households, including those in backward villages and far-flung areas in the State, the State reported itself as ‘Har Ghar Jal’ State i.e. all 34.75 lakh rural households are having tap water supply. The district & village-wise status of tap water connection provided under the Mission in rural areas is in public domain and available on JJM dashboard at:

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

Further, a number of steps have been taken to plan and implement JJM in the whole country, with speed, *inter alia*, including joint discussions and finalization of saturation plans and annual action plans (AAP) of States/ UTs, regular review of implementation, workshops/ conferences/ webinars for capacity building, training, knowledge sharing, field visits by multi-disciplinary team to provide technical support, etc. A detailed Operational Guideline for the implementation of JJM; Margdarshika for Gram Panchayats & VWSCs to provide safe drinking water in rural households and Guidelines on a special campaign to provide piped water supply in anganwadi centres, ashramshalas and schools have been shared with States/ UTs to facilitate planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. For online monitoring, JJM–Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) and JJM–Dashboard has been put in place. Provision has also been made for transparent online financial management through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
