

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

Delay in JJM Works

1121. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is delay in execution of works under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the State of Karnataka and if so, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the same;
- (b) whether all the proposals for functional household tap connections have been cleared for Mandya district and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has data on pending number of connections under JJM for Mandya district and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) & (b) 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 Karnataka, 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 05.02.2024, around 11.02 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 05.02.2024, out of 19.27 Crore rural households in the country, approximately 14.25 Crore (73.98%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

As such individual projects/ schemes for rural water supply are not approved at the Government of India level. The selection of agencies and award of work for implementing projects under JJM is done by respective State/UT Government.

To expedite the planning and implementation, as well as monitoring and handhold States/ UTs including Karnataka, Government of India has taken number of steps to plan and implement JJM in the whole country which *inter alia* includes discussion and finalization of annual action plan (AAP) in consultation with States/ UTs, regular review of planning and implementation, workshops/ conferences/ webinars for capacity building and knowledge sharing, field visits by multi-disciplinary team to provide technical support, etc. To bring transparency and effective monitoring, an online 'JJM dashboard' has been created, which provides State/ UT, district and village-wise progress as well as status of provision of tap water supply to rural homes.

Due to above effort of the Government, significant progress has been made in the Karnataka since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, towards enhancing access to tap water to rural households. At the start of Jal Jeevan Mission, 24.51 lakh (24.23%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections in Karnataka. Since then, additional 49.96 lakh rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 05.02.2024, out of 101.16 lakh rural households in Karnataka, around 74.48 lakh (73.63%) households are reported to have tap water supply.

The performance of the State has slowed in the FY 2023-24 as compared to the previous years. 7.1 lakh tap water connections have been provided in FY 2023-24. The State had provided 18.70 lakh and 20.56 lakh connections in the FY 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively. The Government of India is pursuing the matter with the State for expeditious implementation of the Mission.

(c) At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, 2.16 lakh (54.56%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections in Mandya district in Karnataka. Since then, additional 1.30 lakh rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 05.02.2024, out of 3.96 lakh rural households in Mandya district, around 3.46 lakh (87.46%) households are reported to have tap water supply. Thus, approx. 0.5 lakh rural households are yet to receive tap connection in Mandya district in Karnataka and efforts are on for coverage of balance households in a time bound manner.
