

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. – 1127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/02/2024

TAP WATER CONNECTIONS UNDER JJM

1127. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the reason behind failure to achieve 100 percent households with tap water connections by 2024 aimed under the Jal Jeevan Mission-Har Ghar Jal as 26,16,372 households (27.39 per cent) in the State of Andhra Pradesh are yet to receive tap water connections as of January 8, 2024 as per data;
- (b) the steps taken to expedite the fulfillment of the mission;
- (c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that Palnadu village in Andhra Pradesh has the lowest coverage of 34.55 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to increase coverage in the area as the mission had aimed to take tailored approach to diverse conditions and unique needs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (d) 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 Andhra Pradesh, in August 2019. Water is a state subject and therefore, the primary responsibility for planning and implementing piped water supply schemes to provide tap water to rural households, lies with the respective State/UT. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance under JJM.

As reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, at the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State on 15th August, 2019, approximately 30.74 lakh rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 38.74 lakhs additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 05.02.2024, the provision of tap water supply is available to more than 69.48 lakhs (72.79%) rural households in Andhra Pradesh.

As reported by the state government on JJM-IMIS dashboard, in Palnadu district, at the start of JJM, 58,166 rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 84,463 additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 05.02.2024, out of 4,32,148 rural households, the provision of tap water supply is available to 1,42,629 rural households in the district.

To expedite the provision of tap water connections to all rural households in the State including Palnadu district, concerted efforts are being made to impress the State Government to implement Jal Jeevan Mission on the ground with speed. These include holding joint review meetings with the State Government on regular basis and visits of multi-disciplinary teams from the Department to highlight areas of concern such as need to strengthen project planning, implementation, monitoring and to expedite the implementation in a mission mode to make provision of tap water supply to all households in timebound manner.
