GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019

JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN

1641. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI :
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:
(a) the aims and objectives of Jal Shakti Abhiyan and the funds allocated since its
commencement, State/ year-wise;
(b) whether the Government has been able to conserve the water in central India which
suffers most from water scarcity and droughts;
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the steps taken for the campaign to increase awareness in water-stressed districts and
blocks and the funds allocated for the same?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) is a time-bound campaign aiming at making water
conservation a Jan-Andolan through asset creation and communication campaigns. Under this
campaign, targeted activities are undertaken under 5 broad areas namely, i.) water
conservation and rainwater harvesting, ii.) renovation of traditional water bodies/ tanks, iii.)
reuse, borewell recharge structures, iv.) watershed development, and v.) intensive
afforestation. From the Department, no separate funds is allocated for the JSA. However,
under above-mentioned interventions, funds are utilized by convergence of different Central
and State Government Schemes to achieve the goal.

(b) & (c) Government of India has launched JSA in 256 water-stressed districts of the country
including 14 districts of Central India (Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh). The outcome of
JSA is improved water conservation and the benefits accrued will be visible only after some
time.

(d) Various steps have been taken up under JSA to increase the awareness in water-stressed
districts and blocks through people’s participation. With this campaign, huge awareness
has been generated and various stakeholders, viz. government departments, various
agencies, NGOs, officials, Panchayats, individuals, etc. have started taking steps for
water conservation. There is no separate funds allocated for the JSA.

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