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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4061 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019

### **Drinking Water and Toilet Facility in Schools**

#### †4061. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to provide drinking water and toilet facilities in all the Government and Government-aided schools across the country including Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) Government of India has launched Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) which aims at providing potable water to every rural household including schools, across the country including Bihar, through Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024, with an outlay of ₹ 3.60 lakh Crore.

Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, *inter alia* clearly states that every recognized school should have separate toilets for boys and girls. All the States have been requested to maintain the toilets and keep them functional, neat and clean and also fill the gaps, if any, and ensure availability and functionality of toilets in all the schools. Also, under the SamagraShiksha scheme effective from 1st April, 2018, assistance is provided to States for strengthening of existing government schools, and for creation and augmentation of infrastructure facilities including toilets.

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