

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1985
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.09.2020**

Safe Potable Water

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide safe potable water in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the areas throughout the country where water is contaminated;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any action in regard to ensuring quality and supply of drinking water in Maharashtra; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a)& (b) Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) at an estimated outlay of Rs. 3.60 lakh Crore, to enable every rural household to have assured water supply through Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024.

(c) Water quality affected areas of the country are identified by respective State/ UT, which is reported on the JJM - Integrated Management Information System (IMIS).

(d) & (e) Water supply being a State subject, Government of India provides assistance to States to ensure assured supply of drinking water. In Maharashtra, following steps have been taken by the Ministry:

- i.) To provide safe drinking water to 27,544 Arsenic/ Fluoride affected rural habitations in the country, National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) was launched in March, 2017, which has been subsumed into JJM, and Rs. 18.79 Crore has been released to Maharashtra till date.
- ii.) Under Jal Jeevan Mission, Central grant of Rs. 847.97 Crore in 2019-20 and Rs. 1,828.92 Crore in 2020-21 have been allocated to Maharashtra to provide safe water to rural households through tap water connections. Further, the State Government can seek additional funds as performance grants, subject to physical and financial progress as per Annual Action Plan as well functionality of tap water connections.
- iii.) Under Jal Jeevan Mission, priority has been given to make provision of safe drinking water in all quality-affected habitations. Further, up to 2% of the central allocation to States can be utilized for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQM&S) activities.
