

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2020**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.09.2020**

**ARSENIC CONTAMINATION IN DRINKING WATER**

**2020. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the high level of Arsenic contamination in drinking water in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the budgetary provisions made, funds released and utilized for tackling contamination in drinking water during the current year;
- (d) whether the Government is satisfied with the achievements made so far; and
- (e) if not, the proposed plan of action and timeline for providing safe drinking water in the State of Jharkhand?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI**  
**(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) & (b) The State Government has reported 2 Arsenic-affected habitations in Sahibganj district of Jharkhand State.

(c) to (e) To enable every rural household in the country to have assured potable water supply through Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024, Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal. Under Jal Jeevan Mission, priority is to be accorded to provide safe water in quality-affected habitations. For Jharkhand State, status of central allocation, amount released and reported utilisation of fund under JJM in 2020-21 is as under:

(Amount Rs. in crore)

Opening Balance	Allocation	Amount Released	Total available fund	Fund Utilised
268.39	572.24	62.34	330.73	111.32

Under Jal Jeevan Mission, State Government has prepared Annual Action Plan for 2020-21 *inter alia* which includes provision for potable water supply in quality-affected habitations. Regular follow-up is done by the Ministry with State Government to expedite the implementation.

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