

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3786**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021

**PIPED POTABLE WATER**

†3786. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to supply potable water through pipes in every rural household permanently in the next three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to check the continuous decline in water resources with the participation of rural communities; and
- (c) if so, the time frame fixed for the execution of said proposal and scheme along with the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) To enable every rural household in the country to have assured potable water supply through household tap connection by 2024, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

Development of reliable drinking water sources and/ or augmentation of existing sources to provide long-term sustainability of water supply system in villages, is an integral part of Jal Jeevan Mission. Provisions have been made for the preparation of Village Action Plan (VAP) by village community, which *inter alia* includes strengthening of drinking water sources, water conservation, grey water treatment and reuse in convergence with other schemes such as MGNREGS, 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission grants to rural local bodies/ PRIs, MP& MLA's Local Area Development Fund, District Mineral Development Fund, CSR fund, etc.

In 2019, Government of India also launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA), an intensive water conservation campaign with five targeted interventions i.e. water conservation and rainwater harvesting; renovation of traditional and other water bodies; reuse and recharge of borewells; watershed development and intensive afforestation, to improve water availability including ground water in 1,592 water-stressed blocks of 256 districts of the country. This year, Jal Shakti Abhiyan is likely to be launched on World Water Day i.e. March 22, 2021. Important steps being taken for sustainable ground water management *inter alia* which includes prevention of decline in ground water resources including participation of rural communities in the country is available in public domain at:

[https://jalshakti-dowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps\\_to\\_control\\_water\\_depletion\\_Feb2021.pdf](https://jalshakti-dowr.gov.in/sites/default/files/Steps_to_control_water_depletion_Feb2021.pdf)

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