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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 508 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

Drinking Water Projects

508. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to launch pilot projects for clean drinking water for villages, under Swajal project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the drinking water project involves local bodies for civil work and maintenance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the project launching States including Karnataka?

ANSWER 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)-Har Ghar Jal to enable every rural household in the country to have assured potable water through Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024, with an estimated outlay of Rs. 3.60 lakh Crore. Further, Swajal, that was part of erstwhile NRDWP and implemented in aspirational districts, has been subsumed under JJM.

(c) & (d) In consonance with 73rd Amendment of Constitution of India and to instil the sense of ownership among villagers, village level planning and community participation in all decisions pertaining to water supply systems have been envisaged under JJM. Further, Gram Panchayat or its sub-committee/ user group i.e. Village Water & Sanitation Committee (VWSC) or Pani Samiti having at least 50% women members and suitable representation to marginalized sections of society, has been empowered to plan, implement, manage, operate and maintain in-village water supply system.

State/ UT-wise details of progress made under JJM, including that of Karnataka, is in public domain and available on the JJM dashboard @ https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx.
