

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.690
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021**

Sustainability of Drinking Water Resources

690. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure sustainability of depleting local drinking water resources; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in partnership with States to enable every rural household to have tap water supply by 2024. 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. Provision has been made for the preparation of Village Action Plan (VAP) by village community, which *inter alia* includes strengthening of drinking water sources in convergence with other schemes such as MGNREGS, 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 water-stressed 1,592 blocks of 256 districts of the country.
