

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2021

SAFE DRINKING WATER

†*264. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that about 40 per cent of the population in the country are not getting safe drinking water even today;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the last five years; and
- (d) the amount of funds spent in this regard so far along with the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred in reply of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 264 to be answered on 16.12.2021

(a) & (b) As reported by States/ UTs, as on 07.12.2021, out of 17.01 lakh rural habitations in the country, 13.46 lakh (79.10%) habitations having 79.43% population have provision of potable drinking water with supply level of more than 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) and 3.18 lakh (18.73%) rural habitations having 18.81% population with supply level of less than 40 lpcd with sources at a reasonable distance. Further, 0.37 lakh (2.17%) rural habitations having 1.76% population are reported to have water quality issues in drinking water sources.

(c) & (d) Since August 2019, Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), after subsuming erstwhile National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household of the country by 2024. At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, out of 18.93 Crore rural households, 3.23 Crore (17%) households were reported to have tap water connections. Since then, tap water connections has been provided to additional 5.43 Crore (28.2%) rural households. Thus, as of date, out of 19.22 Crore rural households in the country, provision of tap water supply has been made to 8.66 Crore (45%) households.

The details of budgetary allocation, fund drawn and reported utilization by States/ UTs under erstwhile NRDWP during 2016-17 to 2018-19 and under JJM during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (as on 13.12.2021) is as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Year	Central share					Expenditure under State share
	Opening Balance	Budgetary Allocation	Fund drawn by States/ UTs	Total available fund	Reported utilization	
2016-17	1,463.88	6,000.00	5,875.16	7,369.37	5,325.53	6,741.50
2017-18	2,043.80	7,050.00	6,968.15	9,035.05	6,071.72	7,057.49
2018-19	2,963.21	5,500.00	5,466.24	8,472.26	6,035.91	5,685.70
2019-20	2,436.37	10,000.66	9,951.81	12,388.18	5,998.99	4,066.88
2020-21	6,431.85	11,000.00	10,917.86	17,349.71	12,542.03	7,803.36
2021-22	4,826.95	50,000.11	23,056.54	27,902.61	11,119.66	6,793.06
