

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. ‡2992
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2021

WATER TESTING LABORATORIES

‡2992. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is contemplating any proposal in regard to setting up of water testing laboratories in the country especially in each district of backward regions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof especially in backward and rural regions;
- (c) whether any proposal has been received by the Union Government from some States to set up water testing laboratories in each district during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof especially about the backward and rural regions; and
- (e) the action taken or being taken by the Union Government thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (e) To make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on regular & long-term basis to every rural household by 2024, since August, 2019, Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal.

Under JJM, States/ UTs can utilize upto 2% of their annual allocation for taking up water quality monitoring & surveillance activities. States/ UTs have been advised to upgrade different levels of laboratories i.e. State, district, sub-division and/ or block level and get NABL accreditation and/ or recognition. As reported by States/ UTs, State-wise number of various level drinking water quality testing laboratories set up in the country as on 13.12.2021, is **annexed**. States/ UTs have been advised to open these water quality laboratories to general public so that they can get their water samples tested on nominal rates.

Drinking Water being a State subject, it is States who plan, design, approve and implement drinking water supply schemes including setting up of labs. As such individual projects/ schemes for rural water supply are not approved at the Government of India level.

Annex referred in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2992 due for reply on 16.12.2021

States/ UTs-wise details of drinking water quality testing laboratories
(as on 13.12.2021)

S. No.	State	No. of drinking water quality testing laboratories				
		State level	District level	Block/ sub-Division level	Mobile	Total
1.	A & N Islands	1	-	-	2	3
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1	13	98	-	112
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	17	30	1	49
4.	Assam	1	25	51	3	80
5.	Bihar	1	38	75	9	123
6.	Chhattisgarh	1	27	22	18	68
7.	Goa	1	-	13	-	14
8.	Gujarat	1	32	47	1	81
9.	Haryana	1	21	21	1	44
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1	14	43	-	58
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	20	72	-	92
12.	Jharkhand	1	24	5	-	30
13.	Karnataka	2	30	47	1	80
14.	Kerala	1	14	37	-	52
15.	Ladakh	-	2	4	-	6
16.	Madhya Pradesh	1	51	103	-	155
17.	Maharashtra	-	34	143	-	177
18.	Manipur	1	12	-	-	13
19.	Meghalaya	-	7	24	-	31
20.	Mizoram	1	8	18	-	27
21.	Nagaland	1	10	-	1	12
22.	Odisha	1	32	44	-	77
23.	Puducherry	-	2	-	-	2
24.	Punjab	2	22	8	1	33
25.	Rajasthan	1	32	-	21	54
26.	Sikkim	-	2	-	-	2
27.	Tamil Nadu	1	31	81	-	113
28.	Telangana	1	19	55	-	75
29.	Tripura	1	8	12	-	21
30.	Uttar Pradesh	1	75	-	5	81
31.	Uttarakhand	1	13	13	-	27
32.	West Bengal	1	21	196	2	220
Total		28	656	1,262	66	2,012

Source: JJM-IMIS