

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-706
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION SCHEMES

706 SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of drinking water and sanitation schemes in Bihar including Jehanabad, Arwal and Gaya districts;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the drinking water supplied there is unsafe; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) Since August, 2019, Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in partnership with States, to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household by 2024. As reported by the State Government of Bihar, out of 1.72 Crore rural households in the State, as on date, 1.53 Crore (88.95%) households have been provided tap water connection. Details of tap water connections provided to rural households (HHs) in these three districts, is as under:

District	Total rural HHs (in lakh)	No. of HHs provided tap water connection (in lakh)	% HHs with provision of tap water supply
Jehanabad	1.72	1.64	94.89
Arwal	1.22	1.21	99.77
Gaya	5.78	5.76	99.60

As reported by the State, under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), 1.21 Crore individual household latrines (IHHLs) have been constructed in Bihar from 2014-15 to 2021-22, and all 38,691 villages in the State, have declared themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF). Number of IHHLs constructed in Jehanabad, Arwal and Gaya districts are as follows:

District	No. of IHHLs constructed (in lakh)
Jehanabad	1.02
Arwal	0.90
Gaya	4.29

Having achieved the outcomes of ODF, Phase-II of SBM (G) is now being implemented in the country including all the districts of Bihar with the focus to sustain the ODF status and to cover all the villages with solid and liquid waste management (SLWM).

(b) & (c) An online JJM – Water Quality Management Information System (WQMIS) has been developed to enable States/ UTs to monitor and track the quality of drinking water supplied and also enable local community to test water samples using Field Test Kits (FTKs) for surveillance. No habitations with water quality issues has been reported in Jehanabad, Arwal and Gaya districts.
