

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4686
ANSWERED ON 31/03/2022

WATER TESTING LABORATORIES

4686. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of water testing laboratories functioning in various parts of the country; and
- (b) whether the Government has set any target for total number of such laboratories for the next five years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As reported by States/UTs, as on date, there are 2,022 drinking water quality testing laboratories at different levels viz. State, District, sub-division and/ or block level in the country. State-wise details of drinking water quality testing laboratories is **Annexed**.

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

Drinking Water being a State subject, it is States who plan, design, approve and implement drinking water supply schemes and set up drinking water quality testing laboratories.

Under JJM, States/ UTs can utilize upto 2% of their annual allocation of funds under JJM for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQM&S) activities *inter alia* which includes setting up and strengthening of water quality testing laboratories, procurement of equipment, instruments, chemicals, glassware, consumables, hiring of skilled manpower, surveillance by community using field test kits (FTKs), awareness generation, educational programmes on water quality, accreditation/ recognition of laboratories, etc.

All States/ UTs have been advised to review the existing network of drinking water quality testing laboratories in the State and to strengthen it by setting up/ exploring Public-Private Partnership for additional labs at regional level, district level and block/ sub-division level in the State.

Annex referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4686 due for reply on 31/03/2022

State/UT-wise detail of drinking water quality testing laboratories

(As on 25.03.2022)

S. No.	State	No. of drinking water quality testing labs				
		State level	District level	Block/sub-Division level	Mobile	Total
1.	A & N Islands	1	3	7	-	11
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	17	67
7.	Goa	1	-	13	-	14
8.	Gujarat	1	32	47	1	81
9.	Haryana	1	21	21	1	44
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1	14	46	1	62
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	20	72	-	92
12.	Jharkhand	1	24	5	-	30
13.	Karnataka	2	30	47	-	79
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	1	7	23	-	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		29	659	1,271	63	2,022

Source: JJM-IMIS