GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *265

ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

IMPROVEMENTS UNDER ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA

*265 SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether improvements have been made in various parameters such as public disclosure of ground water data, preparation of community-led water security plan, adoption of practices for efficient use of water and improvement in arresting the rate of decline of ground water level under Atal Bhujal Yojana in Madhya Pradesh especially in Panna, Chhatarpur and Katni districts as per the mandate of the scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI (SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *265 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2022 REGARDING "IMPROVEMENTS UNDER ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA".

(a) & (b) In Madhya Pradesh, 9 Blocks in 6 Districts are covered under Atal Bhujal Yojana including Ajaygarh Block in Panna District and Chhatarpur, Nowgong & Rajnagar Blocks of Chhatarpur District. Katni District is not covered in Atal Bhujal Yojana.

The scheme is being implemented in identified areas of 7 States, including Madhya Pradesh, with an aim to bring behavioral change in the community by making them aware about ground water related data such as level & quality and preparing community led Water Security Plans (WSPs) with the ultimate aim of arresting ground water decline.

Under public disclosure of data, water level data from 190 observation wells, 178 water quality analysis data and 9 hydro-geological reports have been disclosed publicly in Madhya Pradesh, including 22 water level & water quality analysis data each and 1 hydro-geological report for Panna district, and 71 water level data & 66 water quality analysis data & 3 hydro-geological reports for Chhatarpur District.

Similarly, all 663 community-led WSPs have been prepared in Madhya Pradesh, including 65 in Panna and 238 in Chhatarpur Districts.

The scheme started from 1st April, 2020 and majority of the WSPs in all seven States have been prepared and now implementation of various interventions proposed under WSPs is being done in the field. Activities relating to efficient water use (micro irrigation, crop rotation & diversification, underground pipelines etc.) are being carried out by the States, including Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Not applicable in view of reply to (a & b) above.
