

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 1789
ANSWERED ON 01/08/2024

TAP WATER TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is implementing a scheme to provide tap water to every household in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the infrastructure of village streets is damaged for laying water tap-pipelines and no repair work is being taken by the Union Government afterwards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof especially in Uttar Pradesh and the reasons for not repairing the dug-out lanes for laying water tap-pipelines; and
- (d) the guidelines laid by the Union Government for repair of dug-out lanes for laying water tap-pipelines?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

- (a) Since August 2019, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household in the country.
- (b) to (d) Water is a state subject. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance. The responsibility of implementation, *inter alia*, including repairing or constructing streets or roads that get affected while laying water supply pipelines, of rural water supply schemes taken up under JJM lies with State/ UT Governments and the funds available under JJM may be utilized for the same. Further, to avoid any hardships to the villagers, States have been advised to take up rural water schemes in a way with minimum damages to infrastructure such as roads/highways and to restore the roads/ highways immediately in case of damages done while laying of pipelines for water supply systems. Through operational guidelines of the Mission, States have also been advised to incorporate requisite penalty clauses in the contract documents so as to disincentivize the agencies to avoid delay in implementation of the Mission. Ministry of Jal Shakti does not maintain details of infrastructure damaged for laying water tap-pipelines.
