

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2982
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024

ASSISTANCE FOR WATER MANAGEMENT

2982. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides financial and technical assistance to States, including Himachal Pradesh, for improving water supply infrastructure and ensuring sustainable water management and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised for these purposes in Himachal Pradesh during each of the last five years;
- (c) the number and location of mobile water testing units deployed in Himachal Pradesh and their effectiveness in ensuring water quality; and
- (d) the specific measures and schemes such as the Jal Jeevan Mission being implemented by the Government to ensure the provision of safe and clean drinking water in the rural and urban areas of Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) Water being a State subject, the Government of India supports the States/ UTs, *inter alia* including the State of Himachal Pradesh, by providing technical and financial assistance for improving water supply infrastructure and ensuring sustainable water management.

Since August 2019 Government of India in partnership with States is implementing centrally sponsored scheme Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household. Further, as informed by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 is being implemented to ensure universal coverage of water supply and sewerage/septage management in all statutory towns.

(b) The year-wise details of Central fund allocated, fund released, and fund utilization reported by the State of Himachal Pradesh under JJM is as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Year	Central share					Expenditure under State share
	Opening Balance	Fund allocated	Fund drawn#	Available fund	Reported utilization	
2019-20	0.00	148.67	205.83	205.83	197.87	15.46
2020-21	7.95	326.20	547.48	555.43	329.01	42.25
2021-22	226.42	1,262.78	2,012.78	2,239.20	1,420.78	147.83
2022-23	818.43	1,344.94	1,344.94	2,163.37	1,615.65	182.41
2023-24	547.72	379.67	402.34	950.06	859.96	98.38
2024-25*	90.10	916.53	ND	90.10	11.21	0.33

*as on 06.08.2024; #: Including additional fund as incentive; ND: Not Drawn Source: JJM-IMIS

Further, as informed by M/o Housing and Urban Affairs, an amount of Rs. 60.10 Crore has been released so far for implementation of AMRUT 2.0.

(c) As reported by the State, as on 06.08.2024, 5 Mobile testing units have been deployed by the State in Chamba, Mandi, Solan, Shimla and Kangra district for testing Iron (Fe), Nitrate (NO₃), pH, TDS, Thermotolerant Coliform, Total Coliform and Turbidity. Further, as reported, 1 State level lab, 14 District labs and 56 Sub-divisional level labs are also operational to facilitate effective water quality testing across the State.

(d) Water being a State subject, States, including Himachal Pradesh, have the powers to plan, design, implement, operate & maintain drinking water supply projects taken up under JJM, State schemes and other source sustainability projects in convergence with other Central and State schemes. Further, as informed by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India is implementing Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 to provide basic services such as water supply and sewerage, ensuring that every household has access to a tap with assured supply of water and a sewerage connection in all statutory towns *inter alia* including those in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
