

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 498**

ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

**ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA**

498. SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISSETTI  
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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of implementation of projects under the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) along with the details of major projects planned, ongoing, and completed during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised to each State yearwise under the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) during the last five years; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has any proposal to include Andhra Pradesh under Atal Bhujal Yojana in next phases considering the State's significant ground-water challenges and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**  
(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Government of India is implementing Atal Bhujal Yojana, a Central Sector Scheme with a total outlay of Rs.6,000 crore in 8,203 water stressed Gram Panchayats (**GPs**) of 229 administrative Blocks/Talukas in 80 districts of 7 States, viz., Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for a period of 5 years from 01.04.2020.

This scheme marks a paradigm shift from groundwater development to groundwater management. Salient features of the scheme include community based monitoring and sharing of groundwater data, planning, capacity building & focused Information, Education & Communication (**IEC**) activities. This is the first scheme to focus on demand side interventions such as micro-irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines etc. for conservation of groundwater. GP-wise Water Security Plans (**WSPs**) having details about water budget and proposed demand side interventions such as micro-irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines etc., and supply side interventions such as check dams, farm ponds, recharge shafts and other artificial recharge / water conservation structures are prepared and executed through convergence of ongoing schemes.

Major activities completed / ongoing under Atal Jal are as under:

- i. Establishment of National Program Management Unit (**NPMU**), 7 State Project Management Unit (**SPMU**) and 80 District Project Management Units (**DPMUs**) supported by 155 District Implementation Partners (**DIPs**) in the 7 participating states.

- ii. The GPs are equipped with basic instruments like piezometers, Digital Water Level Recorder (**DWLR**), Rain gauges, Water Level Indicators/Sounders, Field Testing Kits and Water Flow Meters (**WFM**) to strengthen the water monitoring mechanism at GP level.
- iii. 46 State level, 361 District level, 994 Block level and 83258 GP level trainings have been conducted so far.
- iv. Awareness and sensitization at GP level through IEC activities including Nukkad Natak, Atal Jal Rath, Distribution of leaflets/brochures & pamphlet, Audio publicity through Radio Jingle, Wall Paintings, Door to door campaigns, Kala Jatha, preparation of Documentaries, etc. Cross learning through inter State field visits have been conducted.
- v. Public disclosure of data in all the Atal Jal GPs through various modes of disclosure viz., central/state web portals, display board at each gram panchayat, social media, wall paintings, distribution of pamphlets/brochure, public meetings and Atal Jal Mobile application.
- vi. Preparation of water budgets and community led water security plan for all Atal Jal GPs.
- vii. An amount of more than Rs.4600 crore has been converged through ongoing/ new schemes for implementation of the supply side and demand side measures as proposed under WSPs.
- viii. An area of around 5.4 lakh Hectares has been brought under efficient water use practices including Drip, Sprinkler, Mulching, Crop Diversification etc.
- ix. 813 GPs and 47 blocks in 26 districts have shown a rise in water levels.

(b) Tentative allocation to each state under the Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) at its inception is provided in the table below:

State / NPMU	Indicative Allocation (Rs. in crore)
Gujarat	756.76
Haryana	723.19
Karnataka	1201.52
Madhya Pradesh	314.54
Maharashtra	925.77
Rajasthan	1189.65
Uttar Pradesh	729.24
National Program Monitoring Unit	159.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>6000.00</b>

A total of Rs.3332.68 Cr. has been disbursed to the States since the inception of the scheme. State-wise year-wise break-up is given in **Table 1** at **Annexure**. A total of Rs.2400.19 Cr. has been utilised by the States since the inception of the scheme. State-wise year-wise break-up of utilisation is given in **Table 2** at **Annexure**.

(c) Atal Bhujal Yojana is a pilot project for participatory ground water management with a fixed duration & outlay. Currently, the project is under impact assessment stage.

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**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 498 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.07.2024 REGARDING “ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA”.

**Table 1: Year-wise funds disbursed to States under Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) during the last five years**

(Rs. in crore)

State	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25 (as on 17.07.2024)	Total
Gujarat	10.26	36.20	180.19	285.88	9.75	522.28
Haryana	20.80	32.15	163.42	489.62	11.75	717.74
Karnataka	21.52	73.62	303.51	406.86	14.00	819.51
Madhya Pradesh	6.33	46.56	62.84	58.99	3.75	178.47
Maharashtra	20.35	43.18	190.95	242.62	9.50	506.61
Rajasthan	22.05	46.35	171.76	144.62	4.75	389.53
Uttar Pradesh	7.69	32.33	65.84	92.67	0.00	198.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>109.00</b>	<b>310.39</b>	<b>1138.51</b>	<b>1721.26</b>	<b>53.50</b>	<b>3332.68</b>

**Table 2: Year-wise funds utilized by States under Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) during the last five years**

(Rs. in crore)

State	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25 (as on 17.07.2024)	Total
Gujarat	0.19	4.68	97.87	191.75	72.80	367.40
Haryana	0.00	8.26	84.03	283.03	38.33	413.72
Karnataka	4.96	27.03	88.00	494.20	38.94	654.10
Madhya Pradesh	0.64	11.33	34.28	80.95	18.48	146.53
Maharashtra	0.07	3.38	65.67	301.87	47.89	423.31
Rajasthan	0.00	7.55	73.89	154.71	18.11	254.42
Uttar Pradesh	0.19	6.97	42.68	85.16	4.52	140.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.05</b>	<b>69.20</b>	<b>486.42</b>	<b>1591.67</b>	<b>239.07</b>	<b>2400.19</b>

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