

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 644
ANSWERED ON 25/07/2024

JJM IN RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed that no physical progress has been made against the fixed target under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the State of Rajasthan and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to extend the duration of JJM till 2026;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether due to unavailability of canal water for the tanks constructed and pipeline network laid in Rajasthan under JJM utility of the Mission itself is being questioned; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government regarding supply of canal water as per the demand?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

(a) to (c) Government of India is committed to make provision for safe & potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on a regular & long-term basis to all rural households in the country. Towards this end, the Government of India launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), to be implemented in partnership with States, in August 2019. Significant progress has been made in the country since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, towards enhancing access to tap water to rural households. At the start of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 Crore rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 23.07.2024, around 11.76 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 23.07.2024, out of 19.32 Crore rural households in the country, around 15 Crore (77.63%) rural households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, at the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State on 15th August, 2019, approximately 11.68 lakh rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 43.46 lakhs additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 23.07.2024, the provision of tap water supply is available to around 55.14 lakhs (51.51%) rural households in Rajasthan.

To review the implementation of JJM, Government of India has held joint review meetings with the State Government on regular basis and undertaken field visits to State to highlight areas of concern such as need to strengthen project planning, implementation, monitoring and to expedite the implementation to make provision of tap water supply to rural all households.

The State Government of Rajasthan has said that it will saturate all eligible rural households with tap water connections by December 2026.

(d) and (e) As informed by State Government of Rajasthan, all JJM schemes based on canal water are planned as per availability of water from sources and formal reservation from Water Resources Department. Further, the State has informed that there is no known instance where tanks constructed, and pipeline network laid in Rajasthan are remaining unutilized.
