

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2868
ANSWERED ON 12/12/2024

DEPLETING WATER LEVEL IN RAJASTHAN

†2868. SMT. MANJU SHARMA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of severe drinking water crisis caused by constant depleting water level in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to overcome this situation;
- (c) the details of the projects being implemented by the Government in villages of the remote districts of Rajasthan;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under the drinking water projects in various districts of Rajasthan during the last five years and the current year, district-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to implement any special scheme to provide adequate supply of drinking water; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) 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), being implemented in partnership with States/ UTs, since August 2019. Drinking water is a state subject, and hence, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the JJM, lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the states by providing technical and financial assistance.

Significant progress has been made in the country since the launch of JJM towards enhancing access to tap water for rural households. At the start of JJM 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 09.12.2024, around 12.10 crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 09.12.2024, out of 19.35 crore rural households in the country, approximately 15.34 crore (79.28%) households are reported to have tap water supply.

Development of reliable drinking water sources and/ or augmentation of existing sources to provide long-term sustainability of water supply system in villages, is an integral part of Jal Jeevan Mission. As per operational guidelines for the implementation of JJM, State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC), headed by Chief Secretary/ Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary in-charge of Public Health Engineering (PHE)/ Rural Water Supply (RWS) Department, approves the schemes/ projects being taken up under JJM. The proposals placed before SLSSC are invariably reviewed by 'Source Finding Committee' for availability of potable water in adequate quantity in prescribed quality for the scheme design period. Further, provision has been made for the preparation of Village Action Plan (VAP) by village community, which *inter alia* includes strengthening of drinking water sources in convergence with other schemes such as MGNREGS, Finance Commission grants to rural local bodies/ PRIs, MP & MLA's Local Area Development Fund, District Mineral Development Fund, CSR fund, etc.

(c) and (d) JJM follows a universal approach to cover all villages including those in remote districts of Rajasthan. As reported by the state government of Rajasthan, at the time of launch of JJM in the state on 15th August, 2019, approximately 11.68 lakh rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 47.21 lakh additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 09.12.2024, the provision of tap water supply is available to more than 58.89 lakh (54.87%) rural households in Rajasthan.

Under JJM, funds are released directly to the States/ UTs and their district-wise fund details are not maintained at the Government of India level. However, the details of fund allocation, fund drawn and reported fund utilization during the last five years (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) and current financial year 2024-25 (as on 09.12.2024) by the state of Rajasthan are as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Year	Central					Expenditure under State share
	Opening Balance	Allocation	Fund Drawn	Available Fund	Reported utilization	
2019-20	313.67	1,301.71	1,301.71	1,615.38	620.31	686.69
2020-21	995.07	2,522.03	630.51	1,625.58	762.04	789.05
2021-22	863.53	10,180.50	2,345.08	3,208.61	1,919.83	1,665.84
2022-23	1,288.79	13,328.60	6,081.80	7,370.59	3,935.10	4,122.44
2023-24	3,435.49	3,019.94	250.00	3,685.49	2,898.54	3,904.64
2024-25*	786.95	11,061.46	1,659.22	2,446.17	2,164.79	979.03

Source: JJM-IMIS

*as on 09.12.2024

(e) and (f) Government of India is implementing JJM which aims to provide adequate supply of drinking water to all rural households in the country. The details are provided in (a) to (d).
