

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

LOK SABHA
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NO WATER SUPPLY UNDER JJM

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the rural households after installation of tap connections under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) have not been able to avail supply of water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to launch a new scheme to ensure that rural households would be provided potable water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline fixed in this regard;
- (e) whether the provision of new tap connections under JJM have been stopped in some States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) 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.

At the start of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 Crore (16.8%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 25.11.2024, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal around 12.07 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 25.11.2024, out of 19.34 Crore rural households in the country, more than 15.30 Crore (79.11%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

Review meetings were also held with States in the matter wherein States, including Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, have informed that mainly following challenges are faced in ensuring functionality of tap connections provided under the Mission:

- i.) The augmentation of sources is still in progress which is leading to temporary poor water service delivery due to poor and decreasing yield of water in existing drinking water supply sources, especially during summer season. This reduction in water availability exacerbates existing pressures on water supply systems, leading to potential shortages and increased strain on infrastructure.
- ii.) Operational and maintenance challenges of schemes that have been handed over to GPs, inconsistent power supply, insufficient sunlight affecting solar-based systems contribute to service reliability issues. Furthermore, difficulties with maintenance schedules, equipment breakdowns, and workforce management also pose challenges.
- iii.) Extreme weather conditions like heavy rains and floods are a primary cause of damage to water supply infrastructure in NE and Himalayan States.
- iv.) Damage to water supply infrastructure due to poor inter-departmental coordination, such as pipeline damage during road construction and other development projects.
- v.) Advance Reporting of tap connections without completion of pending headworks projects. The crucial infrastructural components, such as treatment plants and storage tanks, are pivotal for augmenting water supply capacities and meeting growing demand. Delays in the commissioning of these facilities have constrained overall supply, affecting service levels and creating disparities in water distribution.

(c) & (d) The Union Cabinet had approved the Jal Jeevan Mission for five years i.e. from 2019-20 to 2023-24. As on date, 11 States/ UTs namely Goa, A&N Islands, D&NH and D&D, Haryana, Telangana, Puducherry, Gujarat, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh., Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram have become 'Har Ghar Jal' States/ UT i.e. 100% households are having tap water supply and the remaining States/ UTs are at various stages of completion of the mission as per their saturation plan. Further, the extension of JJM is being considered by the Government during which appropriate timelines will be worked out.

(e) & (f) No such information with regard to stopping of new tap connections under JJM has so far been received in this Department.
