

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3348**  
ANSWERED ON 20/03/2025

**PROBLEMS OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE IN MEERUT**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the growing population and industrialization in Meerut are causing serious issues related to drinking water supply and drainage, leading to inadequate access to clean drinking water for citizens and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new water supply scheme or expand the Ganga Jal Project for Meerut and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any special assistance for the modernization of the drainage system and improvement of the sewerage system in Meerut and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Water is a state subject, management of water is the responsibility of the State Government. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has taken several steps towards sustainable management and conservation of water in urban areas through issuance of various guidelines and implementation of National Missions i.e., Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) & AMRUT 2.0.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is implementing Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), which was launched on 25 June 2015 in selected 500 cities (now 485 cities including 15 merged cities) and towns across the country.

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 was launched on 01 October 2021 with a Central Assistance (CA) of ₹66,750 crore for projects.

Under the scheme, States/UTs are empowered to design, approve, prioritise and implement the projects within the broad framework of Mission guidelines. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) approves State Water Action Plans (SWAPs) under AMRUT 2.0 and State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) as per recommendation of State High Power Steering Committee (SHPSC) headed by Chief Secretary of the States/ UTs.

Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti launches Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019 with the primary objective of providing safe and adequate drinking water to all rural households. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JM), the water supply schemes are designed with a 30-year population projection. This forward-thinking approach is aimed at ensuring the long-term sustainability of water systems and infrastructure. All the villages of district Meerut are covered under Jal Jeevan Mission to provide safe and adequate drinking water through piped water supply schemes.

Under AMRUT, 18 projects worth ₹257.32 crore taken up in Meerut town of which works worth ₹255.42 crore have been physically completed. These projects include 3 water supply project, 4 sewerage/septage management projects and 11 green space & park projects. 31,479 water tap connections and 63,052 sewer connections (including households covered through FSSM) have been provided through AMRUT & convergence.

Under AMRUT 2.0 so far, 7 projects have been approved by MoHUA in Meerut town. These projects include 2 water supply projects, one sewerage/septage management project and 4 water body rejuvenation projects. Approved projects cover 1.55 lakh new/service tap connections.

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