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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects completed in 2024 and the cumulative total number of projects completed till 2024 under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) along with the number of new projects approved in 2024 under NMCG and their financial costs;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the sewage treatment in 2024 and the total number of sewage treatment projects undertaken in the Ganga Basin since the inception of NMCG;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Gujarat;
- (d) whether the said mission has been specifically expanded in the Tribal and Scheduled Caste dominated districts in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has launched any special scheme to promote rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof indicating the areas of Gujarat where the same has been implemented?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Under the National Mission for Clean Ganga, from January to December 2024, a total of 27 projects were completed, bringing the cumulative total to 305 Projects. Additionally, 39 projects have been sanctioned at a cost of ₹ 2,056 crore in 2024. For pollution abatement, 12 sewage treatment projects with a capacity of 203.55 MLD have been approved in 2024 bringing the cumulative total of 206 sewage treatment projects with a capacity of 6,335 MLD, since the launch of the Namami Gange Programme.

(c) & (d) 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, including those in the State of Gujarat. As on 23.03.2025, out of 19.36 Crore rural households in the country, more than 15.54 Crore (80%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

Similarly, in the State of Gujarat, at the start of the mission only 65.16 lakh (71.46%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. In October, 2022, by providing the remaining 26.02 lakh rural households with tap connections, the State declared itself as Har Ghar Jal State i.e. having 100% rural household with tap water including all the households in SC and ST dominated Habitations.

(e) & (f) Government of India has initiated 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' (JSA) in 1,592 blocks of 256 water-stressed districts of the country during July to November 2019 to promote water conservation and water resource management by focusing on water conservation & rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies/ tanks, reuse & recharge of bore wells. Further, National Water Mission (NWM) under the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti started the "Catch The Rain" (CTR) Campaign in February 2020. Ministry of Jal Shakti in 2021 took up the "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" (JSA: CTR) subsuming Catch the Rain campaign which covered rural and urban areas of all districts (all blocks and municipalities) of the country including all the districts of Gujarat. JSA: CTR has become an annual feature since 2021.

Recently, the sixth edition of JSA: CTR has been launched on 22.03.2025 for implementation till 30.11.2025. Water conservation and Rainwater harvesting is one of the focused interventions of the said campaign. Building on this vision, the Ministry launched the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) initiative on September 6, 2024, in Surat, Gujarat focuses on scientific yet cost-effective water conservation solutions, leveraging both modern and traditional methods to construct one million artificial recharge structures across rural and urban India, including all the districts of Gujarat, by 31st May, 2025. As on 24.03.2025, about 8.62 lakh recharge structures have been onboarded under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari(JSJB) initiative, with 48,624 structures in Gujarat alone.

In order to promote rainwater harvesting, the following additional steps have also been taken:

- i. Project Guidelines: As per Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) guidelines dated 24.09.2020 and amendment thereof dated 29.03.2023, Industry, Infrastructure and Mining must submit rainwater harvesting plans as part of project premises for obtaining NOC from Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) for GW extraction.

- ii. Building Bye-laws: The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs' Model Building Bye-laws (2016) mandate rainwater harvesting for buildings with a plot size of 100 sq.m or more, and 35 States have adopted these provisions.

The following steps have been taken to promote groundwater recharge in the country including Gujarat:

- i. National Aquifer Mapping (NAQUIM): The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has aquifers mapped an area of about 25 Lakh sq. km across India, including Gujarat, and developed management plans with water conservation measures. They also use advanced technologies like heli-borne surveys to address water crises and improve aquifer management.
- ii. Artificial Recharge Master Plan: A 2020 Master Plan for artificial recharge aims to construct 1.42 crore structures across India, including 13 lakh in Gujarat, to harness monsoon rainfall.
- iii. Groundwater Legislation: A model bill has been circulated to States/UTs to regulate groundwater development and promote rainwater harvesting, with 21 States/UTs adopting legislation.
- iv. Atal Bhujal Yojana: Atal Bhujal Yojana is being implemented in the state of Gujarat in Gandhinagar, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Patan and Kutch Districts, covering 36 talukas by identifying 2,236 villages of 1,873 Gram Panchayats. The Nodal agency for the project is Gujarat Water Resources and Development Corporation, Narmada Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpsar Department, Govt. of Gujarat.
