

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5315**  
ANSWERED ON 03.04.2025

**HALT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JJM IN KERALA**

5315. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Kerala has been halted due to insufficient funds;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Government of Kerala for releasing the funds to complete the pending works and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the completion of projects under JJM in Kerala along with the details of the percentage of work completed and the funds released and utilized as on date;
- (d) whether the Union Government is also aware that Kerala is behind the national average in the completion of works and fund utilization under JJM;
- (e) if so, whether the Union Government has given any directive to the State Government of Kerala to speed up the works and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the State Government of Kerala has sought an extension for the project deadline and if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken/likely to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f) Since August 2019, Government of India in partnership with States is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to make provision of potable water to every rural household of the country, including those in the State of Kerala, through functional tap water connection.

At the start the Mission, only 3.23 Crore (16.7%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 31.03.2025, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal around 12.34 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 31.03.2025, out of 19.36 Crore rural households in the country, more than 15.57 Crore (80.38%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

Similarly, in Kerala, at the start of the Mission, only 16.64 lakh (23.51%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by the State as on 31.03.2025, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal around 21.92 lakh additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 31.03.2025, out of 70.77 lakh rural households in the State, more than 38.56 lakh (54.48%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

Drinking Water being a state subject, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the Jal Jeevan Mission, lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance. Numerous projects are implemented concurrently at various levels across the States for achieving the envisaged objectives. As such, project-wise details of individual projects/ schemes for rural water supply projects are not maintained at the Government of India level. Year-wise details of Central fund allocated, fund drawn and fund utilization reported by the State of Kerala is as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Year	Central					Expenditure under State share
	Opening Balance	Fund allocated	Fund drawn	Available Fund	Reported utilization	
2019-20	2.58	248.76	101.29	103.87	62.69	57.23
2020-21	41.18	404.24	303.18	344.36	304.29	311.25
2021-22	40.07	1,804.59	1,353.44	1,393.51	957.44	1,059.57
2022-23	436.08	2,206.54	2,206.54	2,642.62	1,741.93	1,741.68
2023-24	900.69	1,342.36	671.18	1,571.87	1,465.41	1,448.53
2024-25	106.45	1,949.36	974.68	1,081.13	996.49	982.74

Source: JJM-IMIS

Moreover, to achieve 100 per cent coverage through continued implementation of mission, Hon'ble Finance Minister during her budget speech 2025-26 has announced extension of Jal Jeevan Mission until 2028 with enhanced total outlay.

A number of steps have been taken to plan and implement JJM in the whole country including Kerala, with speed, *inter alia*, including joint discussions and finalization of saturation plans and annual action plans (AAP) of States/ UTs, regular review of implementation, workshops/ conferences/ webinars for capacity building, training, knowledge sharing, field visits by multi-disciplinary team to provide technical support, etc. A detailed Operational Guideline for the implementation of JJM; Margdarshika for Gram Panchayats & VWSCs to provide safe drinking water in rural households and Guidelines on a special campaign to provide piped water supply in anganwadi centres, ashramshalas and schools have been shared with States/ UTs to facilitate planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. For online monitoring, JJM–Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) and JJM–Dashboard has been put in place. Provision has also been made for transparent online financial management through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

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