

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 581**  
ANSWERED ON 06/02/2025

**PIPED WATER SUPPLY TO TRIBAL HOUSEHOLDS**

**581. Shri Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Government is planning to provide piped water supply to tribal households under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan in Telangana;
- (b) the percentage of tribal villages in Telangana currently have access to clean drinking water;
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to address this gap of complete coverage; and
- (d) the mechanism put in place to ensure the regular maintenance of piped water infrastructure in tribal regions of Telangana?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) : As reported by State Government, 924 tribal villages (>40% ST houses) are identified in Telangana out of which 883 villages are covered under MVS and SVS schemes and the remaining 41 villages are being covered with local private sources.

In case of MVS schemes, Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of bulk water supply is being looked after by the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, Government of Telangana up to village point. In-village infrastructure is being operated and maintained by the respective Gram Panchayats (GPs) under the technical supervision of Mission Bhagiratha Department. GPs are ensuring water supply to every household within the village. Trainings have been imparted to village watermen to equip with comprehensive skills to carry out minor repairs and maintenance including preventive maintenance.

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