

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1944
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

RISE IN COST OF JJM SCHEMES

1944. SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the total estimated cost of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes has reportedly risen to Rupees 8.29 lakh crore more than double the original estimate as per the current survey report conducted by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any audit or investigation into potential cost inflation or misuse of funds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Government of India had launched Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), a centrally sponsored scheme, in August 2019, aiming to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to every rural household of the country. At the time of the launch, the Government also approved support for the States and UTs with a central outlay of ₹2,08,652 crore. The approved central outlay has almost been utilized.

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 28.07.2025, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal more than 12.44 crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 28.07.2025, out of 19.36 crore rural households in the country, more than 15.67 crore (80.96%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

To achieve the goal of the mission with focus on quality of infrastructure and Operation & Maintenance of rural piped water supply schemes for long term sustainability and citizen centric water service delivery, Hon'ble Finance Minister during her budget speech 2025-26 has announced extension of Jal Jeevan Mission until 2028 with enhanced total outlay. Accordingly, a proposal for continuation of Jal Jeevan Mission until 2028 with enhanced total outlay is under consideration of the Government.
