

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 826
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2025

DECLINE IN TAP WATER CONNECTIONS UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION

826. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of households provided with tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission have seen a sharp decline during the financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26 as compared to previous years;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the reduction in coverage despite earlier momentum and increased targets in 2020–21 and 2023–24;
- (c) whether delays in funds release, tendering or implementation by the State Governments have contributed to this slowdown and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps being taken by the Government to restore the pace of implementation and achieve the Mission's target of Har Ghar Nal Se Jal within the stipulated timeframe?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Government of India approved Jal Jeevan Mission to be implemented in partnership with States for a period of five years in Aug, 2019 for making provision of tap water supply to every rural household.

At the start the Mission, only 3.23 Crore (16.7%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. All the remaining rural households at the time of launch of the Mission were targeted for providing tap water connection. As reported by States/ UTs, more than 11.38 Crore rural households were provided with tap water connections till 2023-24. Further, in 2024-25, nearly 94.43 Lakh households and in 2025-26 (till 02.12.2025), 18.81 lakh households have been provided tap water connection. Thus, as on 02.12.2025, out of 19.36 Crore rural households in the country, more than 15.75 Crore (81.37%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

At the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, 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 till 2024-25.

Water being a State subject, States have been advised to continue the implementation of ongoing works from their own resources. Further, considering the progress achieved so far and ongoing works, Hon'ble Finance Minister has announced extension of Jal Jeevan Mission till December 2028 with enhanced total outlay through budget announcements 2025-26.
