

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 980
ANSWERED ON 05/02/2026

AVAILABILITY OF DRINKING WATER AND WATER RESOURCES

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the current status of drinking water availability and water resources in the country and if so, the outcome thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is working towards the goal of providing tap water to every rural household under the Jal Jeevan Mission; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Since August 2019, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-Har Ghar Jal to enable every rural household (at 55 lpcd, BIS:10500 standard) in the country, to have assured potable water through tap connection. Drinking water is a State subject, and hence, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the Jal Jeevan Mission, lies with the respective State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

As reported by State Governments, at the beginning of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, around 3.24 Crore (16.8%) rural households were reported to have tap water connection. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 02.02.2026, more than 12.55 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 02.02.2026, out of 19.35 Crore rural households in the country, more than 15.79 Crore (81.59%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

The Government has taken a number of steps to plan towards the goal of providing tap water to every rural household under the Jal Jeevan Mission in the whole country 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 teams 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 centers, 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.

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.
