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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1855
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026
IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT OF ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA

1855. Shri MANOJ TIWARI:

Shri YOGENDER CHANDOLIA:

Shri BHOJRAJ NAG:

Shri SHANKAR LALWANI:

Shri LUMBARAM CHOUDHARY:

Smt. MAHIMA KUMARI MEWAR:

Smt. HIMADRI SINGH:

Smt. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:

Shri VIJAY BAGHEL:

Shri DINESHBHAI MAKWANA:

Shri DAMODAR AGRAWAL:

Shri HARIBHAI PATEL:

Smt. SMITA UDAY WAGH:

Shri CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:

Shri JANARDAN MISHRA:

Shri SATISH KUMAR GAUTAM:

Shri ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:

Shri BHARATSINHJI SHANKARJI DABHI:

Shri RAHUL SINGH LODHI:

Shri ALOK SHARMA:

Shri NABA CHARAN MAJHI:

Dr. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Shri BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Shri RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the implementation and impact of the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) on groundwater conservation and sustainable water management in the country including Rajasthan and Durg Lok Sabha Constituency of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the supply-side structures created or renovated for water conservation and groundwater recharge, State and district-wise, particularly for Maharashtra including Jalgaon Lok Sabha Constituency;

(c) the details of the improvements observed in the groundwater levels of the identified blocks in the country, particularly for Maharashtra including Jalgaon Lok Sabha Constituency;

(d) the details of the measures undertaken by the Government to strengthen community participation, awareness towards water conservation, water budgeting and aquifer management under ABY in the country including Maharashtra;

(e) whether Akola district has benefited from groundwater recharge and water conservation initiatives under ABY or any other Central programme and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to expand the coverage of ABY to additional waterstressed/drought-prone areas including Jalgaon Lok Sabha Constituency and Akola district and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of the progress made under ABY in Madhya Pradesh during the last two years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Atal Bhujal Yojana, a community-led participatory groundwater management scheme, was implemented on pilot basis across 8,203 water-stressed Gram Panchayats in 229 blocks of 80 districts in seven States viz. Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, during the period from 01.04.2020 to 15.10.2025. The scheme was not implemented in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Overall Impact Assessment Study of Atal Bhujal Yojana has been conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI). On the basis of detailed field surveys in the scheme implementation areas and interactions with local communities, the study has recognized important changes brought about by the scheme, like enhanced community awareness on ground water issues through capacity building and IEC activities, women's participation in leadership and decision making in groundwater management, social inclusivity and overall knowledge enhancement and willingness of the community to partake in groundwater conservation and water management. A copy of this Report is available on the website of Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation at web-link:

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(b) The details of the supply-side structures created or renovated for water conservation and groundwater recharge under the Atal Bhujal Yojana, State-wise and district-wise, are provided at Annexure-I. In Maharashtra, total 11,622 number of supply side structures created or renovated under Atal Bhujal Yojana, out of which 589 number of supply side structures are in Jalgaon district.

(c) As per the assessment conducted during 2023 to 2025, out of 229 Blocks covered under the Atal Bhujal Yojana, 180 Blocks have shown improvement in ground water levels, list of which is provided at Annexure II. In Maharashtra, out of 43 blocks covered under the Scheme, 39 blocks have shown improvement in ground water levels during such assessment. Further, all four blocks, namely, Amalner, Parola, Raver and Yawal of Jalgaon District, Maharashtra covered under the Scheme have shown improvement in ground water levels during such assessment.

(d) Community participation forms the cornerstone of the Government's water conservation initiatives. Under Atal Bhujal Yojana, participatory Water Budgets and Water Security Plans have been prepared and updated annually by all Gram Panchayats, supported by more than 1.28 lakh Gram Panchayat-level trainings. NGOs were engaged as District Implementation Partners and a minimum of 33% women's participation in active decision-making was mandated. Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari promotes a whole-of-society approach by mobilizing communities, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support, educational institutions, civil society organizations and local bodies for construction of rainwater harvesting structures. The major activities/works undertaken under the Scheme are mentioned below:

- Measurement and public disclosure of groundwater data have been made across all 8,203 Atal Jal Gram Panchayats (GPs) of all 7 states through physical as well as electronic means.**
- Community-led Water Budgets and Water Security Plans have been prepared by all GPs of all 7 states and updated annually.**
- More than 1.28 lakh GP-level trainings have been conducted, alongside Block, District and State-level capacity-building trainings.**

- **Piezometers along with Digital Water Level Recorders and Rain Gauges have been installed in almost all GPs under the Yojana.**
- **Monitoring of around 70,000 wells at GP level, with data shared publicly.**
- **Mapping of over 99,000 existing water conservation and artificial recharge structures**
- **Around 9.7 lakh hectares have been brought under efficient water-use practices (drip/ sprinkler irrigation, mulching, crop diversification, etc.) across 7 states.**

(e) Akola District, Maharashtra was not covered under the Atal Bhujal Yojana.

(f) Atal Bhujal Yojana was a pilot programme conceived with a fixed duration & outlay which has successfully demonstrated the efficacy of community centred ground water management and provided a replicable model which can be taken up for implementation by other States.

(g) The details of activities / works done under Atal Bhujal Yojana in the State of Madhya Pradesh is provided at Annexure-III.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 1855 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.07.2026 REGARDING “IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT OF ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA”

State	District	Number of supply-side structures constructed/renovated (like check dams, ponds, recharge shafts, etc.)
Gujarat	Banaskantha	1803
	Gandhinagar	392
	Kachchh	1667
	Mahesana	959
	Patan	380
	Sabarkantha	581
Haryana	Bhiwani	1112
	Charki Dadri	328
	Faridabad	596
	Fatehabad	369
	Gurugram	600
	Kaithal	362
	Karnal	852
	Kurukshetra	1049
	Mahendragarh	975
	Palwal	2597
	Panipat	845
	Rewari	92
	Sirsa	1084
	Yamunanagar	803
Karnataka	Bagalkote	834
	Belagavi	1553
	Bengaluru Rural	307
	Chamarajanagara	1594
	Chikkaballapur	3961
	Chikkamagaluru	446
	Chitradurga	2923
	Davangere	317
	Gadag	2858
	Hassan	757
	Kolar	2644
	Ramanagara	3360
	Tumakuru	3695
	Vijayanagar	951
Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	4153
	Damoh	644
	Niwari	558
	Panna	1276
	Sagar	1213
	Tikamgarh	2032

Maharashtra	Ahmednagar	318
	Amravati	754
	Buldhana	963
	Jalgaon	589
	Jalna	437
	Latur	666
	Nagpur	1359
	Nashik	2266
	Osmanabad	570
	Pune	1162
	Sangli	1199
	Satara	557
	Solapur	822
Rajasthan	Ajmer	990
	Alwar	254
	Baran	483
	Bhilwara	1300
	Chittaurgarh	354
	Dausa	803
	Dhaulpur	339
	Hanumangarh	848
	Jaipur	6179
	Jaisalmer	2806
	Jhalawar	601
	Jhunjhunu	28
	Karauli	567
	Kota	401
	Neem Ka Thana	1001
	Rajsamand	498
	Sawai Madhopur	1674
Uttar Pradesh	Baghpat	465
	Banda	868
	Chitrakoot	648
	Hamirpur	1039
	Jhansi	405
	Lalitpur	815
	Mahoba	648
	Meerut	376
	Muzaffarnagar	686
	Shamli	234
Grand Total		90494

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State	Number of Blocks	Name of the Block / Taluk covered under the Scheme	Blocks / Taluks, which shown improvement in ground water levels as per the assessment conducted during 2023 to 2025	
			Number	Name of the Block / Taluk
Gujarat	36	Dantiwada, Deesa, Deodar, Dhanera, Kankrej, Lakhani, Palanpur, Tharad, Vadgam, Dehgam, Gandhinagar, Kalol, Mansa, Anjar, Bhachau, Bhuj, Mandvi, Nakhatrana, Becharaji, Jotana, Kadi, Kheralu, Mahesana, Satlasana, Unjha, Vadnagar, Vijapur, Visnagar, Chanasma, Patan, Sarasvati, Sidhpur, Idar, Prantij, Talod, Vadali	31	Dantiwada, Deesa, Deodar, Kankrej, Vadgam, Dehgam, Gandhinagar, Kalol, Mansa, Anjar, Bhuj, Mandvi, Nakhatrana, Becharaji, Jotana, Kadi, Kheralu, Mahesana, Satlasana, Unjha, Vadnagar, Vijapur, Visnagar, Chanasma, Patan, Sarasvati, Sidhpur, Idar, Prantij, Talod, Vadali
Haryana	36	Behal, Kairu, Loharu, Tosham, Badhra, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Tohana, Farrukh Nagar, Gurgaon, Pataudi, Sohna, Guhla, Rajound, Karnal, Ladwa, Pehowa, Shahbad, Ateli Nangal, Kanina, Mahendragarh, Nangal Chaudhry, Narnaul, Hassanpur, Hathin, Hodal, Palwal, Bapoli, Samalkha, Khol At Rewari, Ellenabad, Rania, Jagadhri, Radaur, Sadaura (Part), Saraswati Nagar	19	Tosham, Ballabgarh, Farrukh Nagar, Karnal, Ladwa, Shahbad, Mahendragarh, Nangal Chaudhry, Narnaul, Hassanpur, Hathin, Hodal, Palwal, Bapoli, Ellenabad, Jagadhri, Radaur, Sadaura (Part), Saraswati Nagar
Karnataka	41	Badami, Bagalkot, Athani, Ramdurg, Devanahalli, Doddaballapura, Hoskote, Nelamangala, Gundlupet, Bagepalli, Chikkaballapur, Chintamani, Gauribidanur, Gudibande, Sidlaghatta, Kadur, Challakere, Chitradurga, Hiriya, Holalkere, Hosadurga, Channagiri, Jagalur, Gadag, Ron, Arsikere, Bangarpet, Kolar, Malur, Mulbagal, Srinivaspur, Kanakapura, Ramanagara, Chikkanayakanahalli,	37	Badami, Bagalkot, Athani, Ramdurg, Devanahalli, Doddaballapura, Nelamangala, Gundlupet, Bagepalli, Chikkaballapur, Chintamani, Gauribidanur, Sidlaghatta, Kadur, Challakere, Chitradurga, Hiriya, Holalkere, Hosadurga, Jagalur, Gadag, Ron, Arsikere, Bangarpet, Kolar, Malur, Mulbagal, Srinivaspur, Ramanagara, Chikkanayakanahalli, Koratagere, Madhugiri, Sira, Tiptur, Tumakuru, Hagaribommanahalli, Harapanahalli

		Koratagere, Madhugiri, Sira, Tiptur, Tumakuru, Hagaribommanahalli, Harapanahalli		
Madhya Pradesh	9	Chhatarpur, Nowgong, Rajnagar, Patheria, Niwari, Ajeygarh, Sagar, Baldeogarh, Palera	9	Chhatarpur, Nowgong, Rajnagar, Patheria, Niwari, Ajeygarh, Sagar, Baldeogarh, Palera
Maharashtra	43	Karjat, Rahata, Sangamner, Chandurbazar, Morshi, Warud, Malkapur, Motala, Amalner, Parola, Raver, Yawal, Ghansawangi, Jalna, Partur, Chakur, Latur, Nilanga, Renapur, Shirur Anantpal, Katol, Narkhed, Deola, Nashik, Sinnar, Omerga, Osmanabad, Baramati, Indapur, Purandar, Jath, Kavathemahankal, Khanapur-Vita, Miraj, Tasgaon, Khatav, Mahabaleshwar, Man, Wai, Madha, Malshiras, Mohol, Pandharpur	39	Karjat, Rahata, Sangamner, Chandurbazar, Morshi, Warud, Malkapur, Motala, Amalner, Parola, Raver, Yawal, Ghansawangi, Jalna, Partur, Renapur, Shirur Anantpal, Katol, Narkhed, Deola, Nashik, Sinnar, Omerga, Osmanabad, Baramati, Indapur, Purandar, Jath, Kavathemahankal, Khanapur-Vita, Miraj, Tasgaon, Khatav, Man, Wai, Madha, Malshiras, Mohol, Pandharpur
Rajasthan	38	Ajmer Rural, Pisangan, Srinagar, Rajgarh, Atru, Baran, Shahpura, Chittaurgarh, Baijupada, Bandikui, Baswa, Dausa, Lawan, Nangal Rajawatan, Sikandra, Dhaulpur, Saipau, Hanumangarh, Sangriya, Tibbi, Amber, Govindgarh, Jalsu, Jaisalmer, Mohangarh, Nachna, Khanpur, Khetri, Hindaun, Shri Mahaveer Ji, Sangod, Ajeetgarh, Neem Ka Thana, Patan, Rajsamand, Chauth Ka Barwara, Khandar, Sawai Madhopur	29	Ajmer Rural, Pisangan, Srinagar, Rajgarh, Atru, Baran, Shahpura, Chittaurgarh, Baijupada, Baswa, Dausa, Lawan, Sikandra, Dhaulpur, Saipau, Sangriya, Amber, Mohangarh, Khetri, Hindaun, Shri Mahaveer Ji, Sangod, Ajeetgarh, Neem Ka Thana, Patan, Rajsamand, Chauth Ka Barwara, Khandar, Sawai Madhopur
Uttar Pradesh	26	Baghpat, Pilana, Barokhar Khurd, Jaspura, Mahuva, Naraini, Tindwari, Karvi, Manikpur, Mau, Ramnagar, Maudaha, Muskara, Sarila, Sumerpur, Babina, Mauranipur, Talbehat, Charkhari, Jaitpur, Kabrai, Panwari, Kharkhoda, Rajpura, Budhana, Kandhala	16	Baghpat, Pilana, Mahuva, Naraini, Tindwari, Manikpur, Maudaha, Muskara, Sarila, Sumerpur, Babina, Charkhari, Jaitpur, Kharkhoda, Rajpura, Budhana
Total	229		180	

ANNEXURE-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 1855 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.07.2026 REGARDING “IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT OF ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA”

Details of activities / works done under Atal Bhujal Yojana in the State of Madhya Pradesh

Number of trainings conducted at State / District / Block / Gram Panchayat level	Monitoring of wells	Mapping of existing water conservation and artificial recharge structures	Area brought under efficient water-use practices like drip, sprinklers, crop diversification etc. (in Hectares)	Supply-side structures constructed / renovated like check dams, ponds, recharge shafts, etc.
12369	6799	6986	21204.49	9876
