

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2541**

ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

**FUNDS FOR WATER CONSERVATION**

2541. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated from the Challenge Fund for fifty million-plus cities for the purpose of water conservation;
- (b) the percentage of the funds utilized for meeting service level benchmarks on drinking water supply, rainwater harvesting, water recycling, solid waste management and sanitation;
- (c) whether any notable impact was created in these cities for the conservation of water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) & (b)** 15th Finance Commission (15th FC) has allocated Rs. 26,057 crore for the award period 2021-22 to 2025-26 for 50 Million-Plus cities for improving service level benchmarks. The grant is based on the performance of Million-Plus urban agglomerations/cities in solid waste management, quality water supply, water conservation and water recycling. As per Detailed Utilization Reports submitted by the States on 15th FC grants to Million Plus cities, as on 31 March 2022, Rs. 2,930.43 crore, i.e. 11.24% of total allocation has been incurred towards improvement of service level indicators on drinking water supply, water recycling, sanitation and solid waste management. There is no service level indicator for rainwater harvesting.

**(c) & (d)** Million-Plus cities challenge fund has an outlay through the award period i.e. 2021-22 to 2025-26 with the condition that proposed project must be completed by the end of award period. The impact created in the cities is not yet evident.

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