

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/07/2023**

Har Ghar Jal Yojana

4. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government's ambitious Har Ghar Jal initiative to provide all rural households in India with potable water connection by 2024 under its flagship Jal Jeevan Mission is likely to fall short of its target and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that only seventy five percent of village homes are likely to have taps delivering drinking water by April 2024 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the scheme picked up in few States only recently although the scheme was announced way back in the year 2019; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (d) To provide assured potable water through tap water connections to all rural households in the country, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - Har Ghar Jal, since August 2019. Water is a state subject and hence, the responsibility to plan and implement the piped water supply schemes for providing tap water, primarily lies with the States/UTs.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, only 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/UTs as on 17.07.2023, around 9.35 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 17.07.2023, out of 19.46 Crore rural households in the country, around 12.58 Crore (64.6%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

6 states of Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Telangana, and 3 Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Puducherry and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, have reported 100% coverage. In all, 100% coverage is reported in 140 districts and more than 1.72 lakh villages in the country. The pace of implementation has also significantly improved, and since 1st of January 2023, on an average, more than one tap connection has been provided in the country, every second.

Expenditure under the JJM has also progressively increased from Rs. 10,065.87 crore in 2019-20 to Rs. 20,345.39 crore in 2020-21, Rs. 44,204.23 crore in 2021-22 and Rs. 91,268.58 crore in 2022-23. Improved pace of implementation is also evidenced by a significant increase in expenditure incurred by states/UT on schemes being implemented under JJM.

Although, few States reported slow progress in the initial years due to implementation challenges faced by them in the planning phase. CoVID-19 pandemic also impacted the pace of implementation in the States. However, the pace of implementation in all States/UT has shown significant improvement. States and UTs are repeatedly being advised to further expedite implementation of the programme. To give impetus to time bound implementation of the Mission across the country, and to assist the States, several meetings including conferences, workshops, webinars for capacity building and knowledge sharing, field visits, etc. are being held at highest levels in this Department from time to time with States/ UTs.
