

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-789
ANSWERED ON-07/12/2023**

Potable Water Supply in Jharkhand

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of households that have been provided potable tap water supply in the rural areas in the States of Jharkhand and Bihar;
- (b) whether the Government would be able to achieve hundred per cent target under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the States of Jharkhand and Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) Drinking Water is a State subject, and as such planning, approval, implementation, operation and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, lies with the respective State Governments. Government of India only supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

Since August 2019, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-Har Ghar Jal to enable every rural household in the country, including those in the States of Jharkhand and Bihar, to have assured potable water through tap connections..

Under JJM, States/ UTs prepared their 'State Action Plan', projecting year-wise target of household connections. The Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the implementation of JJM is firmed up by every State/ UT based on a detailed consultative process for emphasizing the need for implementation with speed and on scale and ensure optimal utilization of fund.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 3.45 lakh (5.6%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections in the State of Jharkhand. So far, as reported as on 03.12.2023, more than 25.08 lakh additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 03.12.2023, out of 61.78 lakh rural households in the State, more than

28.53 lakh (46%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes, and as informed by the state government, efforts are being made to cover the remaining 33.25 lakh within the Mission Period.

Similarly, at the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, 3.16 lakh (2%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections in the State of Bihar. So far, as reported as on 03.12.2023, more than 157.17 lakh (94%) additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 03.12.2023, out of 166.30 lakh rural households in the State, more than 160.34 lakh (96%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes, and as informed by the state government, efforts are being made to cover the remaining 5.96 lakh within the Mission Period.
