

Regarding implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Vijayawada Parliamentary Constituency-laid

SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH (VIJAYAWADA): In my Vijayawada Parliamentary Constituency, there are 2.67 lakh rural households eligible under the Jal Jeevan Mission. However, over the past five years, only 59% of these households have been provided with Functional Household Tap water connections. This low rate of coverage is primarily due to the neglect of the previous Government and their inability to make a matching contribution for the implementation of this vital scheme. Moreover, the Jal Jeevan Mission faces another significant challenge in my Parliamentary constituency concerning the quality of water. We have witnessed an alarming increase in diarrhoea cases, with over 300 incidents reported due to contaminated water. Some of these cases have even resulted in deaths. These cases are on the rise, causing great concern among the residents of Vijayawada. I urge upon the Hon?ble Union Cabinet Minister to order for the conduct of regular maintenance audits of tap connections provided under the Jal Jeevan Mission. These audits should focus on Andhra Pradesh, particularly the district of NTR, to ensure the quality and safety of the water supply. Regular maintenance audits are crucial to prevent water contamination and protect the lives of innocent citizens.