

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

STARRED QUESTION NO. *168

ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

OCS DISTRICTS UNDER JSA

*168. SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised by various States, especially Punjab under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) since its inception;
- (b) the details of Over-exploited, Critical and Semi-critical (OCS) districts identified in Punjab under JSA during 2025;
- (c) the details of proposed and completed projects/plans for these OCS districts in Punjab under JSA;
- (d) whether the Government is cognizant of delays in the completion of projects, if any; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI C R PAATIL)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *168 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING “OCS DISTRICTS UNDER JSA”

(a) 'Water' being a state subject, steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management of water resources are primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to them through various schemes and programmes.

The Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) campaign is a nationwide initiative implemented annually, focusing on water conservation, rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge. The campaign emphasizes convergent financing from various schemes of the Central, State and local bodies like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Per Drop More Crop, Repair, Renovation and Restoration Components under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Finance Commission grants etc.

As per the information available on the JSA:CTR portal, during 2021-2025, a total fund of Rs 118080.42 crore was utilised under Jal Shakti Abhiyan across the country, including Rs 43408.77 crore for Water Conservation & Rainwater Harvesting, 19725.95 crore for Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies, Rs 1992.56 crore for Reuse and Recharge structures, Rs 38016.79 crore for Watershed Development activities and Rs 14936.35 crore for Intensive Afforestation.

As per the the information available on the JSA: CTR portal for Punjab, a total of Rs 1,186.06 crore was utilized under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan during the period 2021-2025. The expenditure includes Rs 85.02 crore for Water Conservation and Rainwater Harvesting, Rs 417.96 crore for the Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies, ₹7.19 crore for Reuse and Recharge Structures, Rs 337.49 crore for Watershed Development activities, and Rs 338.40 crore for Intensive Afforestation.

Apart from above, financial assistance of total Rs. 25 lakh was released to Punjab for Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of water bodies and preparation of district water conservation plans under JSA: CTR during 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

(b) Ministry of Jal Shakti launched JSA:CTR 2025 across the country with the theme “Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Jan Jagrukta Ki Or” with special focus on 148 districts identified by CGWB identified on the basis of declining water table, geographical distribution and aspirational districts. The list of 20 focused districts of Punjab for JSA:CTR 2025 campaign is attached at **Annexure**.

(c) Water is a State subject and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States/UTs through technical and financial support. The sixth edition of JSA: CTR was launched on 22nd March 2025 with

the theme “Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Jan Jagrukta Ki Or” emphasizing deeper grassroots engagement, inter-sectoral convergence and innovative financing mechanisms. Under JSA:CTR-2025, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) identified 148 water-stressed districts for focused monitoring. Central Nodal Officers (CNOs) were appointed in each district to conduct visits both before and after the monsoon. These officers are responsible for assessing the progress of interventions of Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

(d) & (e) Water is a State subject and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the States/UTs through technical and financial support. Under JSA: CTR campaign, the State Governments are encouraged to undertake as many works as possible. The works under the campaign are monitored as per the data uploaded in the MIS portal.

As per the information available on the JSA: CTR portal (jsactr.mowr.gov.in), as of 26th July 2025, more than 1.87 crore water-related works have been undertaken across the country under the JSA:CTR campaign. Additionally, 712 Jal Shakti Kendras (JSKs) have been established nationwide, and district water conservation plans have been prepared by 637 districts across the country.

As per the information available on the JSA: CTR portal for Punjab, approximately 1.09 lakh water-related works have been undertaken over the past five years under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan, focusing on five key intervention areas. Jal Shakti Kendras (JSKs) have been established in all 23 districts of the state. Additionally, under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) campaign, all 23 districts in Punjab have prepared their respective water conservation plans.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *168 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025 REGARDING “OCS DISTRICTS UNDER JSA”

Sl. No.	Name of Focus Districts in Punjab	Category
1	Amritsar	Over-Exploited
2	Barnala	Over-Exploited
3	Bathinda	Over-Exploited
4	Faridkot	Over-Exploited
5	Fatehgarg Sahib	Over-Exploited
6	Ferozpur	Over-Exploited
7	Gurdaspur	Over-Exploited
8	Hoshiarpur	Over-Exploited
9	Jalandhar	Over-Exploited
10	Kapurthala	Over-Exploited
11	Ludhiana	Over-Exploited
12	Malerkotla	Over-Exploited
13	Mansa	Over-Exploited
14	Moga	Over-Exploited
15	Patiala	Over-Exploited
16	Mohali	Over-Exploited
17	Nawanshahr	Over-Exploited
18	Sangrur	Over-Exploited
19	Tarn Taran	Over-Exploited
20	Ropar	Critical
