

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2939
ANSWERED ON 12/12/2024

SHORTAGE OF WATER IN RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the action plan being implemented by the Government to provide drinking water in the country, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that most of the districts of Rajasthan including Jhunjhunu are facing shortage of water for drinking/agricultural purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the budget allocated for the said purpose, district-wise; and
- (c) the roadmap prepared to provide water to the said districts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

- (a) Government of India is committed to make provision for safe & potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on a regular & long-term basis to all rural households in the country. Towards this end, the Government of India launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), being implemented in partnership with States/ UTs, since August 2019. Drinking water is a state subject, and hence, the responsibility of planning, approval, implementation, operation, and maintenance of drinking water supply schemes, including those under the JJM, lies with State/UT Governments. The Government of India supports the states by providing technical and financial assistance.

A number of steps have been taken to plan and implement JJM in the whole country including Rajasthan with speed, *inter alia* which includes finalization of saturation plan and annual action plan (AAP) of respective State/ UT, regular review of implementation, workshops/ conferences/ webinars for capacity building, trainings, knowledge sharing, field visits by multi-disciplinary teams to provide technical support, etc. A detailed Operational Guidelines for the implementation of JJM and Margdarshika for Gram Panchayats & VWSCs to provide safe drinking water in rural households have been shared with States/ UTs, including Rajasthan to facilitate planning and implementation of JJM. For online monitoring, JJM–Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) and JJM–Dashboard has been put in place. Provision has also been made for transparent online financial management through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

Significant progress has been made in the country since the launch of JJM, towards enhancing access to tap water for rural households. At the start of JJM in August 2019, only 3.23 crore (16.8%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by

States/ UTs as on 10.12.2024, around 12.11 crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections under JJM. Thus, as on 10.12.2024, out of 19.35 crore rural households in the country, approximately 15.34 crore (79.30%) households are reported to have tap water supply.

- (b) and (c) The state government of Rajasthan has informed that Rajasthan faces significant challenges in groundwater availability in districts like Jhunjhunu, Churu and Sikar lacking potable groundwater resources for their rural population. To address this issue, the state has developed a long-term sustainability roadmap, focusing on connecting 90% of the population to surface water through Mega Water Supply projects utilizing dams and surface water sources. This strategic shift aims to ensure reliable and sustainable water access to rural population in the state.

As reported by the state government of Rajasthan, at the time of launch of JJM in the state on 15th August, 2019, approximately 11.68 lakh rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 47.23 lakh additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 10.12.2024, out of 107.33 lakh the provision of tap water supply is available to more than 58.89 lakh (54.87%) rural households in Rajasthan.

Under JJM, funds are released directly to the States/ UTs and their district-wise fund details are not maintained at the Government of India level. However, the details of fund allocation, fund drawn and reported fund utilization during the last five years (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) and current financial year 2024-25 (as on 10.12.2024) by the state of Rajasthan are as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Year	Central					Expenditure under State share
	Opening Balance	Allocation	Fund Drawn	Available Fund	Reported utilization	
2019-20	313.67	1,301.71	1,301.71	1,615.38	620.31	686.69
2020-21	995.07	2,522.03	630.51	1,625.58	762.04	789.05
2021-22	863.53	10,180.50	2,345.08	3,208.61	1,919.83	1,665.84
2022-23	1,288.79	13,328.60	6,081.80	7,370.59	3,935.10	4,122.44
2023-24	3,435.49	3,019.94	250.00	3,685.49	2,898.54	3,904.64
2024-25*	786.95	11,061.46	1,659.22	2,446.17	2,164.79	996.35

Source: JJM-IMIS

*as on 10.12.2024
