

Regarding need to ensure disbursal of allocated funds to West Bengal under Jal Jeevan Mission-Laid

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYNAGAR): I wish to raise the urgent issue of the Central Government's reduction and delayed release of funds under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to West Bengal. The Union Government has deprived the State of its rightful dues of over Rs 2500 crores under JJM. In August, some of my colleagues from the All India Trinamool Congress even met with the Minister of Jal Shakti. However, no action has been taken whatsoever. Allocations for the current year have been significantly reduced, leading to disruptions in ongoing drinking water projects. This sudden cut has stalled pipeline work, delayed new connections, and affected payments to implementing agencies. Districts facing water scarcity and arsenic contamination are particularly impacted, putting lakhs of rural households at risk and threatening progress made under the Mission. I urge the Central Government to restore full funding and ensure timely disbursal so that JJM objectives are achieved, and rural communities do not suffer due to financial constraints.