

Piped drinking water supply to all rural households

3237. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE : Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes 'Nal Se Jal' policy on the lines of 'Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal' Scheme in Bihar, to provide piped drinking water supply, on user fee basis to all rural households by 2024;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed policy and number of rural households already covered with piped drinking water supply in the country; and

(c) the time-frame for implementation of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (c) As announced in the Union Budget Speech 2019-20, it has been envisaged to ensure Har Ghar Jal (piped water supply) to all rural households by 2024 under the Jal Jeewan Mission. This Programme will focus on integrated demand and supply side management of water at the local level, including creation of local infrastructure for source sustainability like rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and management of household wastewater for reuse in agriculture. The Jal Jeewan Mission will converge with other Central and State Government Schemes to achieve its objectives of sustainable water supply management across the country.

As reported by States on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), 18.33% of rural households have piped water connections as on 18.07.2019.

Water crisis in metro cities

3238. SHRI BINOY VISWAM : Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the severity of water crisis in Chennai;

(b) if so, details of efforts made by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) the plans of Government to resolve the impending water crisis in metro cities;