

World Bank assistance for Atal Bhujal Yojana

1220. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has approved ₹6,000 crores for Atal Bhujal Yojana to be implemented in overexploited and water stressed areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that waterstressed and over-exploited region *i.e.*, Rayalaseema has not been included under the project; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and details of steps Government is taking/proposes to take, to include Rayalaseema region in Andhra Pradesh under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (d) Government of India has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal), a ₹ 6000 crore Central Sector Scheme, for Sustainable management of ground water resources with community participation. The scheme is being implemented with the financial assistance of World Bank with a sharing pattern of 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank.

Atal Jal shall be implemented in 8353 Gram Panchayats spread over 193 identified blocks in 78 districts of Seven States *viz.* Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh During the period 2020-21 to 2024-25.

The nsame of the participating States were decided based on consultation, criticality of groundwater situation, willingness and degree of preparedness.

Target date for completion of NGP

1221. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set a target date to complete Namami Gange Programme (NGP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) Cleaning of river is a continuous process and the Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the challenges of pollution of river Ganga by providing financial and technical assistance.

Namami Gange Programme was launched in May, 2015 as an integrated programme to ensure effective abatement of pollution and conservation of river Ganga by adopting a comprehensive river basin approach. Under this programme, diverse set of interventions like pollution abatement activities including sewage/industrial effluent treatment, solid waste management etc., river front management, aviral dhara, rural sanitation, afforestation, bio-diversity conservation, public participation etc. have been taken up for cleaning and rejuvenation of river Ganga and its tributaries.

As per cabinet approval dated 13.05.2015, the Namami Gange Programme is to be implemented by December, 2020 at a budgetary outlay of ₹20,000 crore. However, as a part of this programme, the Government of India will continue to support the cost of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of assets for a period of 15 years from the date of completion.

- (c) Does not arise.

Implementation of NRDWP

1222. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of implementation of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the fund sharing pattern between the Central and the State Governments for the implementation of the said programme; and
- (c) the steps taken/ being taken by Government to provide safe drinking water under the programme to all households?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) Under erstwhile National Rural Drinking Water Programme