

India, etc. Besides, trainings, workshops, awards, seminars, water talks, webinars etc. are also conducted for promotion of water conservation and irrigation efficiency.

(b) For drought affected areas of the country, the Ministry of Jal Shakti has provided central assistance under Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM) programme to about 55 Command Area Development (CAD) projects. Special package has been approved for completion of surface minor irrigation and major & medium irrigation projects in Vidharba and Marathwada and other chronically drought prone areas of Maharashtra. Deptt. of Rural Development is also taking up water conservation works in drought prone areas of the country in all States/UTs under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) as per demand and following due process under the scheme.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has been implementing a Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) for rainfed areas focusing on Integrated Farming System (IFS) for enhancing productivity and minimizing risks associated with climatic variability. Under this system, crops/cropping system is integrated with activities like horticulture, livestock, fishery, agro-forestry, agriculture etc. to enable farmers not only in maximizing farm returns for sustaining livelihood, but also to mitigate the impacts of drought, flood or other extreme weather events with the income opportunity from allied activities during crop damage. Besides, Watershed Development Component (WDC) of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) is primarily dedicated for development of rainfed portions of net cultivated area and culturable wastelands. The major activities taken up under the WDC-PMKSY, *inter-alia*, include ridge area treatment, drainage line afforestation, soil and moisture conservation, pasture development etc.

Water inflow to Hirakud dam

879. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state total water inflow to Hirakud Dam, during March to August, 2020 and the inflow of the same in 2018-19 during the said months, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): As per Central Water Commission, the total water inflow to Hirakud Dam, during March to August, 2020 and the inflow of the same in 2018-19 during the said months, month-wise are as under:-

Month-wise Water Inflow to Hirakud Dam (In Million Acre Feet)

Year	March	April	May	June	July	August
2018	0.106	0.093	0.072	0.265	3.261	6.824
2019	0.142	0.113	0.055	0.128	0.818	6.192
2020	0.404	0.151	0.199	2.263	4.163	14.921

Implementation of JJM in Tamil Nadu

880. SHRI P. WILSON: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Scheme in Tamil Nadu is not in accordance with the operational guidelines for the implementation of JJM issued by Government by consulting/coordinating/involving Gram Panchayat bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken for not implementing in accordance with the operational guideline involving the Gram Panchayat bodies; and

(d) whether JJM Scheme funds will be released, if Tamil Nadu Government is not obtaining the consent/coordination of local bodies like the Gram Panchayat/ Panchayat for implementation of the JJM Scheme in the Gram Panchayat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that Jal Jeevan Mission is being implemented in the State in accordance with the operational guidelines for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission, issued by the Government of India. Accordingly, Village Action Plans (VAPs) are prepared and approved by the Village Panchayat Council. However, Gram Sabha meetings could not been held due to CoViD-19 pandemic.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), funds are released to States/ UTs in accordance with the provisions in the operational guidelines for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission to provide potable water through tap water connection to rural households.