

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) Jal Shakti Abhiyan was launched in water stressed districts of the country to spread awareness among all stakeholders about compelling need of water conservation through five targeted intervention viz. water conservation & rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies/ tanks, reuse and recharge of bore wells, watershed development and intensive afforestation.

As reported by States/ UTs, as on 14.09.2020, with sources at a reasonable distance, 79.16% rural habitations having 77.69% population have provision of minimum 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) of potable drinking water and 17.69% rural habitations having 19.34% population have service level of less than 40 lpcd potable water, whereas 3.15% > rural habitations having 2.97% > population with water sources having quality issues.

(b) To enable every rural household in the country to have potable water through Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-Har Ghar Jal with an estimated outlay of ₹ 3.60 lakh crore.

#### **Mobilisation at funds under MGNREGA and CAMPA for JSM**

892. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government followed a convergence approach and mobilised funds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Generation Act (MGNREGA) and the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) for the Jal Shakti Mission (JSM); and

(b) if so, the detail of funds spent and mobilized under MGNREGA and CAMPA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) The Operational Guidelines for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission provide for convergence of funds at village level under different schemes/ programmes inter alia which includes Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) fund. The States/ UTs have planned for the same and included in their Annual Action Plan (AAP).

(b) The detail of funds mobilized and spent under such different schemes/ programmes including MGNREGA and CAMPA, is not maintained by this Ministry.

#### **Water conservation under NJSA**

893. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government decided to utilise this year's monsoon season to expand its water conservation efforts under the National Jal Shakti Abhiyan (NJSA); and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) and (b) After the successful implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan-I, a water conservation campaign covering 256 water stressed districts, conducted last year by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Jal Shakti Abhiyan-II (JSA-II) covering all districts was contemplated for the current year. Though, meetings were held in March 2020 within the department to prepare detailed plans, due to outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic, JSA-II could not be held this year. However, National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation launched "Catch the Rain" campaign with tag line "catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls" in order to nudge all stake-holders to create Rain Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS) *suitable to the climatic conditions and sub-soil strata to store rain water*. Drives to make water harvesting pits, rooftop RWHS and check dams; removal of encroachments and desilting of tanks to increase their storage capacity; removal of obstructions in the channels which bring water to them from the catchment areas; repairs to traditional water harvesting structures like step-wells and using defunct bore-wells and old wells to put the water back to aquifers etc, were some of the activities suggested to be taken up with peoples' active participation under this campaign.

#### **Prevention of flood from glacial lakes**

894. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a study of glacial lakes published in "Nature and Climate Change" where researchers have observed that the volume of lakes formed by the melting of glaciers jumped by 50 per cent;