

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2165
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15/3/2021

GAP IN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

2165. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge gap in sewage infrastructure needed to comprehensively manage water supply in major cities across the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has chalked out any strategy to meet the challenges of urban water deficit; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) As reported by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), at the inception of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme, water supply coverage was 64% and sewer coverage was only 31% in the 500 AMRUT cities.

(b) & (c) MoHUA has informed that water supply being the State subject, providing water and sewer connection is the responsibility of concerned State Governments and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), however Government of India supplements the efforts of States through its programme and policies. AMRUT scheme is one of such programmes, which was launched on 25th June, 2015 in selected 500 cities across the country with focus on providing urban infrastructure in the sectors of water supply, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage, green spaces and parks and non-motorised urban transport. The primary objective of the mission is to provide safe and assured drinking water universally in the selected cities and to ensure substantial improvement in the sewerage coverage and septage management. As per Census 2011, approximately 60% of urban population in the country are covered under the mission.

By the end of the Mission, it aims to bring water connection to 100% and sewer connection to 62% in the 500 AMRUT cities. Accordingly, in these cities, against the target of 139 lakh tap water connections, 101 lakh tap water connections have been provided and against the target of 145 lakh sewer connections, 67 lakh sewer connections have been provided through AMRUT and in convergence with other schemes.

The total Central outlay under AMRUT is ₹ 50,000 crore. Against the approved plan size of ₹ 77,640 crore of all the States, ₹ 39,011 crore (50%) has been allocated to water supply, ₹ 32,456 crore (42%) to sewerage & septage projects and remaining amount has been allocated to other sectors.
