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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2332 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

PURIFIED WATER SUPPLY SERVICES

2332 SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: LT.GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.)

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken by Government to provide sustainable purified water supply services throughout the country;

(b) whether Government has identified the contaminant affected areas of the country, so far; and

(c) the action taken and time-frame proposed by Government relating to sanitation and supply of purified drinking water?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) To make provision of potable tap water supply to every rural household in the country by 2024, Government of India in partnership with States is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The total outlay of the mission is Rs 3.60 Lakh Crore.

(b) As reported by States/ UTs, as on date, 47,839 rural habitations are reported to have quality issues in drinking water sources.

(c) Under JJM, while planning water supply schemes to make provision of tap water supply to rural households, priority is given to quality–affected habitations. Since, planning, implementation and commissioning of piped water supply schemes based on a safe water source may take time, purely as an interim measure, States/ UTs have been advised to install community water purification plants (CWPPs) in such habitations, to provide potable water to every household at the rate of 8–10 litre per capita per day (lpcd) to meet drinking and cooking requirements. As an interim measure, in 3,108 of these rural habitations, community water purification plants (CWPP) have already been installed.

Further, while allocating the funds to States/ UTs in a particular financial year, 10% weightage is given to the population residing in habitations affected by chemical contaminants as on 31^{st} March of the preceding financial year.
