

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 236
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/02/2024

**ACHIEVING FULL COVERAGE OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION-HAR GHAR JAL IN
ANDHRA PRADESH**

236. **SHRI BEEDHA MASTHAN RAO YADAV:**

SHRI AYODHYA RAMI REDDY ALLA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons behind failure to achieve 100 per cent household tap water connections by 2024 aimed under the Jal Jeevan Mission-Har Ghar Jal, as 26,16,372 households (27.39%) in the State of Andhra Pradesh are yet to receive tap water connections as of 8th January, 2024 as per data;
- (b) the steps taken to expedite the fulfilment of the mission;
- (c) whether Government has taken cognisance that Palnadu village in Andhra Pradesh has lowest coverage of 34.55 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the steps that have been taken to increase coverage in the area as the mission had aimed to take tailored approach to diverse conditions and unique needs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (d) Government of India is committed to make provision for safe & potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on a regular & long-term basis to all rural households in the country. Towards this end, the Government of India launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), to be implemented in partnership with states including Andhra Pradesh, in August 2019. Water is a state subject and therefore, the primary responsibility for planning and implementing piped water supply schemes to provide tap water to rural households, lies with the respective State/UT. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical and financial assistance under JJM.

As reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, at the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State on 15th August, 2019, approximately 30.74 lakh rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 38.70 lakhs additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 01.02.2024, the provision of tap water supply is available to more than 69.44 lakhs (72.75%) rural households in Andhra Pradesh.

As reported by the state government on JJM-IMIS dashboard, in Palnadu district, at the start of JJM, 58,166 rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 84,432 additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 01.02.2024, out of 4,32,148 rural households, the provision of tap water supply is available to 1,42,598 rural households in the district.

To expedite the provision of tap water connections to all rural households in the State including Palnadu district, concerted efforts are being made to impress the State Government to implement Jal Jeevan Mission on the ground with speed. These include holding joint review meetings with the State Government on regular basis and visits of multi-disciplinary teams from the Department to highlight areas of concern such as need to strengthen project planning, implementation, monitoring and to expedite the implementation in a mission mode to make provision of tap water supply to all households in timebound manner.
