

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. – 97**  
ANSWERED ON 22/07/2024

**JAL JEEVAN MISSION IN UTTAR PRADESH**

# 97. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the per centage of work that has been completed so far in Uttar Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 90 percent of the projects in Uttar Pradesh under this mission are solar based;
- (c) whether solar based projects have also been set up in other States of the country under the Jal Jeevan Mission; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that Uttar Pradesh is the first State in the country to have a budget for the management and operation of this project, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

(a) Since August 2019, Government of India is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal in partnership with States to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household of the country including Uttar Pradesh. At the time of announcement of JJM, 3.23 Crore rural households in the country were reported to have tap water connections. Since then, additional 11.75 Crore rural households have been provided tap water connections. Thus, as on 17.07.2024, out of 19.31 Crore rural households in the country, provision of tap water supply has been made to 14.98 Crore (77.58%) households. Similarly, in Uttar Pradesh, 5.16 Lakhs rural households were reported to have tap water connections. Since announcement of JJM, additional 2.19 Crore rural households have been provided tap water connections. Thus, as on 17.07.2024, provision of tap water supply has been made to 2.24 Crore (84.24%) households in the State.

(b) & (c) ‘Water’ being a state subject, the powers to plan, approve, implement & operate & maintain water supply schemes are vested with States. Under JJM Operational Guidelines, strategy to achieve the objective of JJM has been prepared which *inter-alia* impress upon States/ UTs to explore the option of gravity and/ or solar power-based water supply schemes with low O&M expenditure, in tribal/ hilly/ forested areas. As reported by States/ UTs, under JJM, there are total 6,46,310 water supply schemes in the country out of which 1,54,976 are solar based schemes. In Uttar Pradesh, out of total 40,951 schemes under JJM, 34,734 schemes (84.8%) are solar based.

(d) As per JJM operational guidelines a decentralized, demand-driven, community-managed implementation of the programme has been advocated that can instil a 'sense of ownership' among the local community and create an environment of trust and transparency leading to better implementation and long-term operation & maintenance (O&M) of water supply systems. The Gram Panchayat and/ or its sub-committee, i.e. VWSC/ Paani Samiti/ User Group, etc. are empowered to open an account to receive funds for O&M from different sources such as incentive fund from JJM, Finance Commission grants and community contribution to meet the expenditure. Accordingly, the States/ UTs have also been advised to prepare their O&M policy for drinking water supply schemes. As on date, 11 States/ UTs have prepared & notified their O&M policy and rest of the States/ UTs including Uttar Pradesh, the O&M policy is yet to be notified.

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