

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. – 738
ANSWERED ON 29/07/2024

SCARCITY OF DRINKING WATER IN ASSAM

738. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in Assam, scarcity of drinking water is a major issue in urban and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Guwahati Water Supply project is not able to provide sufficient water across the city, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to solve such problems across the State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI V. SOMANNA)

(a) and (b) '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 and management of water in urban areas lies with the respective State/UT government.

To ensure potable water supply to all rural households, since August 2019, Government of India, in partnership with States/ UTs, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The aim of the Mission is to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household in adequate quantity (55 lpcd), of prescribed quality (BIS 10:500) and on a regular and long-term basis. Government of India supplements the efforts of States/ UTs by providing technical and financial assistance under JJM.

As informed by state government of Assam, there are abundant ground and surface water sources, however, the challenge lies in ensuring the quality of water supplied through tap connections. As such, at the time of launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State on 15th August, 2019, approximately 1.11 lakh rural households had tap water connections. Since then, 56.27 lakhs additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 25.07.2024, the provision of tap water supply is available to more than 57.38 (80.14%) rural households in Assam.

(c) and (d) As informed by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, several steps have been taken towards sustainable management of water in urban areas through issuance of various guidelines, implementation of National Missions i.e., Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) & AMRUT 2.0 and through participation in Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

AMRUT focuses on development of basic urban infrastructure in the selected cities in the sectors of Water Supply; Sewerage & Septage Management; & other areas. Of the approved plan size of ₹77,640 crore, a significant amount of ₹39,011 crore (~50%) has been allocated for water supply sector. Under AMRUT, in Assam, a total of 04 projects worth ₹ 609.73 crore have been grounded. All these projects are currently ongoing. The progress details of these projects are at **Annexure-I**.

Taking it forward, AMRUT 2.0 was launched on 1st October 2021 covering all the statutory towns of the country to ensure universal coverage of water supply & make cities 'water secure' through provision of 2.68 crore tap connections to mitigate the hardship of citizens. Under AMRUT 2.0, in Assam, a total of 23 water supply projects worth ₹ 876.15 crore and 34 Water body rejuvenation projects worth ₹ 18.48 crore have been approved by MoHUA. The details of the 23 water supply projects and 34 water body rejuvenation projects are at **Annexure-II** and **Annexure-III** respectively.

**Annex referred in reply to part (c) and (d) of Rajya Sabha unstarred Question
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Annexure I

Details of Water Supply projects grounded in Assam under AMRUT

Sr. No.	City	Title	Milestone	Project Cost (In Rs. Cr.)	Project Progress (in %)	Expenditure incurred (in ₹ Cr.)
1	Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT, Assam	Contract Awarded	186.8	88	152
2	Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh Water Supply project (Ph-I: Metering of new connections)	Contract Awarded	7.13	20	0
3	Nagaon	Nagaon Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT, Assam	Contract Awarded	238.33	95	176.72
4	Silchar	Silchar Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT, Assam	Contract Awarded	177.47	89	136.72

Details of Water Supply projects approved in Assam under AMRUT 2.0

Sr. No.	District	ULB	Project Title	Project Milestone	Est. TPC (in Cr.)	Est. CAPEX (in Cr.)
1	Sibsagar	Amguri	Amguri Town Water Supply scheme under AMRUT 2.0	NIT Issued	14.76	13.2
2	North Lakhimpur	Bihpuria (tc)	Bihpuria Town Water Supply scheme under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	21.97	19.61
3	Nagaon	Lanka	Lanka Town Water Supply scheme under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	26.65	23.92
4	Udalguri	Tangla (tc)	Tangla (Phase-II) Town Water Supply scheme under AMRUT 2.0.	Contract Awarded	6.53	5.8
5	Barpeta	Barpeta	Barpeta Town Water Supply Project Under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	27.43	24.49
6	Nagaon	Hojai	Augmentation and Extension of Water Supply Project at Hojai under AMRUT 2.0	NIT Issued	46.29	41.28
7	Dima Hasao	Haflong (tc)	Water Supply Project at Haflong under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	100.63	89.74
8	Sibsagar	Sonari	Sonari Town Water Supply scheme under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	30	26.65
9	Dhubri	Bilasipara (tc)	Augmentation and Expansion of Bilasipara Water Supply Scheme under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	58.21	51.91
10	Kamrup	Rangia	Rangia Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	49.75	44.37
11	Tinsukia	Tinsukia	Tinsukia Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	36.63	32.56
12	Tinsukia	Margherita (tc)	Margherita Town Water Supply Scheme under AMRUT 2.0	NIT Issued	32.82	29.3

Sr. No.	District	ULB	Project Title	Project Milestone	Est. TPC (in Cr.)	Est. CAPEX (in Cr.)
13	Sonitpur	Biswanath chariali (tc)	Biswanath Chariali Water Supply Scheme under AMRUT 2.0	NIT Issued	36.57	32.61
14	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	31.95	28.4
15	Sonitpur	Tezpur	Tezpur Town Water Supply Project Under AMRUT 2.0, Phase I.	Contract Awarded	32.57	28.95
16	Cachar	Lakhipur	Lakhipur (Cachar) Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	20.54	18.26
17	Udalguri	Tangla (tc)	Tangla Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	34.4	30.58
18	Sonitpur	Dhekiajuli	Dhekiajuli Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	46.5	41.33
19	North Lakhimpur	North Lakhimpur	North Lakhimpur Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	70.59	63.37
20	Jorhat	Jorhat	Jorhat Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	49.2	43.73
21	Sibsagar	Sibsagar	Sivasagar Town Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	NIT Issued	19.7	17.51
22	Nalbari	Nalbari	Augmentation of Nalbari Water Supply Project under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	47.15	42.05
23	Cachar	Silchar	SILCHAR WATER SUPPLY PROJECT UNDER AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	35.31	33.68

Details of Water Body Rejuvenation projects approved in Assam under AMRUT 2.0

Sr. No.	District	ULB	Project Title	Project Milestone	Est. TPC (in Cr.)
1	Dima hasao	Maibong (tc)	Rejuvenation of Dimasa Raja Pond at sainzapur Maibang	Contract Awarded	0.7
2	Hailakandi	Hailakandi	Ramnarayan Tank Rejuvenation Project under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.35
3	Dhemaji	Dhemaji (tc)	Rejuvenation of Borpukhuri Pond Under Dhemaji Municipal Board	Pending DPR Preparation	0.27
4	Cachar	Silchar	Rejuvenation of Pond adjacent to Syamacharan Deb Bidyapith (Tarapur Fire Brigade Pond) under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	0.6
5	Bongaigaon	Bongaigaon	Rejuvenation of Bongaigaon College Pond at ward no 10 under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.95
6	Barpeta	Barpeta	Rejuvenation of Rayatpur Pond Water Body under Barpeta MB	Contract Awarded	0.5
7	Sonitpur	Biswanath chariali (tc)	Rejuvenation of Falfali Pukhuri under Amrut 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.6
8	North lakhimpur	Bihpuria (tc)	Rejuvenation of Podumoni Pond underAMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.6
9	Darrang	Mangaldoi	Rejuvenation of Barpukhuri pond under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.3
10	Kokrajhar	Gossaigaon (tc)	REJUVENATION OF PUKRIPARA PUKHURI AT GOSSAIGAON WARD NO 3	Contract Awarded	0.48
11	Tamulpur	Goreswar	Rejuvenation of Ramcha Rajohua Pond at Goreswar Municipal Board under Amrut 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.25
12	Karbi anlong	Hamren (tc)	Rejuvenation of Ambinong Pond under AMRUT 2.0.	Pending DPR Preparation	0.35
13	Marigaon	Marigaon	Rejuvenation of Morikalang beel under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	1

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14	Jorhat	Jorhat	Rejuvenation of Tinkunia Pond at Jorhat under AMRUT 2.	Contract Awarded	0.8
15	Bongaigaon	Kajalgaon	MILAN PARK POND REJUVENATION UNDER AMRUT 2.0	DPR Approved	0.25
16	Nagaon	Nagaon	Rejuvenation of Dawson School Pond under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	0.55
17	Karimganj	Karimganj (mb)	Rejuvenation of Azadsagar at Karimganj Town under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.45
18	Nalbari	Nalbari	Rejuvenation of Japarkuchi Rajuhua Pukhuri under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.44
19	Barpeta	Patacharkuchi	Rejuvenation of Barpukhuri pond (Patacharkuchi) under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.3
20	Golaghat	Sarupathar (tc)	Rejuvenation of Raja pukhuri i pond under AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	0.3
21	Tinsukia	Tinsukia	REJUVENATION OF NA PUKHURI IN TINSUKIA TOWN UNDER AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	1.2
22	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Rejuvenation of Kokrajhar Cremation Ground Lake, Kokrajhar.	Contract Awarded	0.3
23	Sonitpur	Tezpur	Rejuvenation of Paltan Pukhuri under Tezpur Municipal board, Tezpur, sonitpur ,Assam.	Contract Awarded	1.08
24	Sonitpur	Tezpur	Rejuvenation of Thana Pukhuri (Jonaki Pukhuri)under Tezpur Municipal Board, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam.	Contract Awarded	0.49
25	Golaghat	Golaghat	Rejuvenation of Biplobi Bir Sankar Baruah Pond, Ward No -8	Contract Awarded	0.4
26	Kamrup	Guwahati	Rejuvenation of Pond 1 Jor Pukhuri at Guwahati under AMRUT 2.0.	Pending DPR Preparation	0.6

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27	Kamrup	Guwahati	Rejuvenation of Amrit Kunda at Kamakhya, Guwahati under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	0.25
28	Kamrup	Guwahati	Rejuvenation of Silpukhuri, Guwahati under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	0.67
29	Sibsagar	Sibsagar	REJUVENATION OF WEST JAMUNA (BEHIND CIRCUIT HOUSE PORTION) AT WARD NO 12 UNDER AMRUT 2.0	Contract Awarded	1
30	North Lakhimpur	Narayanpur (tc)	HARIDEV THAN PUKHURI REJUVENATION PROJECT UNDER AMRUT 2.0	DPR Approved	0.5
31	Cachar	Sonai tc	REJUVENATION OF SRI SHYAMA KALI MANDIR POND UNDER AMRUT 2.0 IN WARD NO 4	Pending DPR Preparation	0.8
32	Sonitpur	Dhekiajuli	REJUVENATION OF POND NEAR KALI MANDIR AT WARD NO.6 UNDER DHEKIAJULI MUNICIPAL BOARD, SONITPUR, ASSAM	Contract Awarded	0.3
33	Barpeta	Sarbhog (tc)	Sarbhog Town Gorokhiya Gossain Than Pond Rejuvenation Project Under AMRUT 2.0	Pending DPR Preparation	0.55
34	Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh	Rejuvenation of Berry White Medical School Pond	Contract Awarded	0.3