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STATUS AND FUNCTIONALITY OF TAP WATER CONNECTIONS

714. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data on the number of rural households that have received functional tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission, as opposed to those with only tap installations; and

(b) the measures being undertaken to ensure that all households with taps receive the required daily quota of 55 litres per person?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to make provision of tap water supply to every rural household in adequate quantity (55 lpcd) of prescribed quality (BIS:10500) on long term basis. At the start of Jal Jeevan Mission in August 2019, only 3.23 Crore (16.8%) rural households were reported to have tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 27.11.2024, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal around 12.07 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 27.11.2024, out of 19.34 Crore rural households in the country, around 15.31 Crore (79.14%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation undertakes annual assessment of the functionality of household tap water connections provided under the Mission, through an independent third-party agency, based on standard statistical sampling. During the last functionality assessment carried out in 2022, it was found that 86% of households had working tap connections. Out of these, 85% were getting water in adequate quantity, 80% were getting water regularly as per the schedule of water supply for their piped water supply scheme, and 87% of households were receiving water as per the prescribed water quality standards. Further, functionality assessment 2024 is underway and its report is likely to come by December 2024.

Further, a number of steps have been taken to plan and implement JJM in the whole country, with speed, *inter alia*, including joint discussions and finalization of saturation plans and annual action plans (AAP) of States/ UTs, regular review of implementation, workshops/ conferences/

webinars for capacity building, training, knowledge sharing, field visits by multi-disciplinary team to provide technical support, etc. A detailed Operational Guideline for the implementation of JJM; Margdarshika for Gram Panchayats & VWSCs to provide safe drinking water in rural households and Guidelines on a special campaign to provide piped water supply in anganwadi centres, ashramshalas and schools have been shared with States/ UTs to facilitate planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. For online monitoring, JJM–Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) and JJM–Dashboard have been put in place. Provision has also been made for transparent online financial management through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
