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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.717

ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

STATUS OF PROJECTS UNDER ABY IN STATE OF RAJASTHAN

717.# SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of implementation of projects under Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) and details of major projects planned, ongoing and completed during the last three years, especially in the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilized under this scheme in each State, especially in Rajasthan, during the last three years; and
- (c) whether Government proposes any special scheme under ABY in the next phases, considering the critical groundwater challenges of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Government of India is implementing Atal Bhujal Yojana, a Central Sector Scheme, with a total outlay of Rs. 6,000 crore in 8,203 water stressed Gram Panchayats (**GPs**) of 229 administrative Blocks/ Talukas in 80 districts of 7 States, viz., Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for a period of 6 years from 01.04.2020.

This scheme marks a paradigm shift from groundwater development to groundwater management. Salient features of the scheme include community based monitoring and sharing of groundwater data, planning, capacity building & focused Information, Education & Communication (**IEC**) activities. This is the first scheme to focus on demand side interventions such as micro-irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines etc. for conservation of groundwater. GP-wise Water Security Plans (**WSPs**) having details about water budget and proposed demand side interventions such as micro-irrigation, crop diversification, use of pipelines etc., and supply side interventions such as check dams, farm ponds, recharge shafts and other artificial recharge / water conservation structures are prepared and executed through convergence of ongoing schemes.

Major activities completed / ongoing under Atal Bhujal Yojana are as under:

- i. Establishment of National Program Management Unit (**NPMU**), 7 State Project Management Unit (**SPMU**) and 80 District Project Management Units (**DPMUs**) supported by 155 District Implementation Partners (**DIPs**) in the 7 participating states.

- ii. The GPs are equipped with basic instruments like piezometers, Digital Water Level Recorder (**DWLR**), Rain gauges, Water Level Indicators/ Sounders, Field Testing Kits and Water Flow Meters (**WFM**) to strengthen the water monitoring mechanism at GP level.
- iii. 49 State level, 410 District level, 1152 Block level and 99406 GP level trainings have been conducted so far.
- iv. Awareness and sensitization at GP level through IEC activities including Nukkad Natak, Atal Jal Rath, Distribution of leaflets/brochures & pamphlet, Audio publicity through Radio Jingle, Wall Paintings, Door to door campaigns, Kala Jatha, preparation of Documentaries, etc. Cross learning through inter-State field visits have been conducted.
- v. Public disclosure of data in all the Atal Bhujal Yojana's GPs through various modes of disclosure viz., central/state web portals, display board at each gram panchayat, social media, wall paintings, distribution of pamphlets/brochure, public meetings and Atal Jal Mobile application.
- vi. Preparation of water budgets and community led water security plan for all Atal Bhujal Yojana's GPs.
- vii. An amount of more than Rs. 4600 crore has been converged through ongoing/ new schemes for implementation of the supply side and demand side measures as proposed under WSPs.
- viii. An area of around 6.7 lakh Hectares has been brought under efficient water use practices including Drip, Sprinkler, Mulching, Crop Diversification etc.
- ix. 813 GPs in 47 blocks have shown a rise in water levels.

(b) Tentative allocation to each State under the Atal Bhujal Yojana at its inception is provided in the table below:

| State / NPMU | Indicative Allocation (Rs. in crore) |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Gujarat | 756.76 |
| Haryana | 723.19 |
| Karnataka | 1201.52 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 314.54 |
| Maharashtra | 925.77 |
| Rajasthan | 1189.65 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 729.24 |
| National Program Monitoring Unit | 159.33 |
| Total | 6000.00 |

A total of Rs. 3,346.91 Cr. has been disbursed to the States since the inception of the scheme, out of which Rs. 2,725.77 Cr. has been utilised by the States till date. State-wise and year-wise break-up of funds disbursed to the States and utilised by the States during the last three years are given in **Table 1** and **Table 2 at Annexure** respectively.

(c) No. Atal Bhujal Yojana is a pilot project for participatory ground water management with a fixed duration & outlay.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 717 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING “STATUS OF PROJECTS UNDER ABY IN STATE OF RAJASTHAN”.

Table 1: Year-wise funds disbursed to States under Atal Bhujal Yojana

(Amount in Rs. crore)

| State | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 | FY 2023-24 | Total |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Gujarat | 36.20 | 180.19 | 285.88 | 502.27 |
| Haryana | 32.15 | 163.42 | 489.62 | 685.19 |
| Karnataka | 73.62 | 303.51 | 406.86 | 783.99 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 46.56 | 62.84 | 58.99 | 168.39 |
| Maharashtra | 43.18 | 190.95 | 242.62 | 476.75 |
| Rajasthan | 46.35 | 171.76 | 144.62 | 362.73 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 32.33 | 65.84 | 92.67 | 190.84 |
| Total | 310.39 | 1138.51 | 1721.26 | 3170.16 |

Table 2: Year-wise funds utilized by States under Atal Bhujal Yojana

(Amount in Rs. crore)

| State | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 | FY 2023-24 | Total |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Gujarat | 4.68 | 97.87 | 191.75 | 294.30 |
| Haryana | 8.26 | 84.03 | 283.03 | 375.32 |
| Karnataka | 27.03 | 88.00 | 494.20 | 609.23 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 11.33 | 34.28 | 80.95 | 126.56 |
| Maharashtra | 3.38 | 65.67 | 301.87 | 370.92 |
| Rajasthan | 7.55 | 73.89 | 154.71 | 236.15 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 6.97 | 42.68 | 85.16 | 134.81 |
| Total | 69.20 | 486.42 | 1591.67 | 2147.29 |
