

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**RAJYA SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*6**

ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

**ALLOCATION AND UTILISATION OF FUND UNDER JSA**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA);
- (b) the details of the focused intervention for the JSA;
- (c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this abhiyan within Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (d) the details of the water stressed districts identified under this abhiyan within Tamil Nadu;
- (e) whether Government has focused to control ground water depletion and promote rain water harvesting/conservation through this abhiyan across the country, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the target set and achievements made so far along with its response across country including Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI C R PAATIL)

- (a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. \*6  
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UTILIZATION OF FUND UNDER JSA”.**

**(a) & (b)** The Jal Shakti Abhiyan, with the tagline "Catch the Rain, Where It Falls, When It Falls," is an annual campaign focused on water conservation and recharge, including rainwater harvesting. It leverages convergent financing and emphasizes active community participation. The initiative is implemented nationwide from March to November each year.

Focused interventions of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) campaign include (1) water conservation and rainwater harvesting, (2) enumerating, geo-tagging & making inventory of all water bodies; preparation of District Water Conservation Plans, (3) Setting up of Jal Shakti Kendras in all districts, (4) intensive afforestation and (5) awareness generation.

**(c)** Funds spent under the JSA: CTR Campaign is through convergent financing from various schemes of the Central, State and local bodies like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Per Drop More Crop, Repair, Renovation and Restoration Components under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Finance Commission grants etc. As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu, during the last three years (2022-2025), funds of Rs 15792.24 crore have been utilised under Jal Shakti Abhiyan within the State consisting of Rs 9331.49 crore for Water Conservation & Rainwater Harvesting, Rs 1461.51 crore for Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies, Rs 85.88 crore for Reuse and Recharge structures, Rs 4202.95 crore for Watershed Development activities and Rs 710.38 crore for Intensive Afforestation.

Apart from above, financial assistance of Rs. 2.00 lakh has been released under the Abhiyan to each district for Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of water bodies and preparation of district water conservation plans under JSA: CTR. An amount of Rs 34 lakh has been released in 2021-22, Rs 31 lakh in 2022-23 and Rs 1.00 lakh in 2023-24 to the State of Tamil Nadu.

**(d)** Focus districts are identified in the current year by Central Ground Water Board on the basis of declining water table, geographical distribution and aspirational districts. The details of focus districts of Tamil Nadu under JSA:CTR for the current year are **annexed**.

**(e)** Ground water depletion is dependent on a number of factors like over extraction, deforestation, soil conditions, topography etc. Various policies and schemes of the Central, State, Local Bodies etc implement measures to arrest ground water depletion. The Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR) campaign also promotes water conservation through many interventions which include rain water harvesting; renovation of traditional water bodies; reuse and recharge structures; watershed development etc to help in ground water recharge and to enhance storage capacities as well.

(f) There are no defined targets under this campaign and the State Governments are encouraged to undertake as many works as possible aimed at water conservation. As per the information available on JSA: CTR portal ([jsactr.mowr.gov.in](http://jsactr.mowr.gov.in)), till 19.11.2024, around 1.56 crore water-related works have been taken up across the country under the JSA:CTR campaign. The Government of Tamil Nadu has reported that 18.80 lakh works have been undertaken in the state under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan over the past three years, focusing on the five key intervention areas. Further, 695 Jal Shakti Kendras (JSKs) have also been set up across the country and JSKs are established in all the 38 districts of Tamil Nadu. Under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR), district water conservation plans have been prepared by 612 districts across the country. All 38 districts in Tamil Nadu have also prepared their water conservation plans.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*6 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024 REGARDING “ALLOCATION AND UTILIZATION OF FUND UNDER JSA”**

**Details of focus districts of Tamil Nadu under**

**Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch The Rain - 2024**

| <b>S No</b> | <b>JSA: CTR Year</b> | <b>Name of Focus Districts in Tamil Nadu</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| 1           | 2024                 | Coimbatore                                   |
| 2           | 2024                 | Vellore                                      |
| 3           | 2024                 | Tirupathur                                   |
| 4           | 2024                 | Mayiladuthurai                               |
| 5           | 2024                 | Salem  |
| 6           | 2024                 | Chennai                                      |
| 7           | 2024                 | Namakkal                                     |
| 8           | 2024                 | Dindigul                                     |
| 9           | 2024                 | Perambalur                                   |
| 10          | 2024                 | Thanjavur                                    |

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