

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3615**  
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**Progress of Jal Jeevan Mission**

3615 **SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as on March this year, only 50 percent of the rural households have been covered under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM);
- (b) if so, the reasons for such low coverage; and
- (c) the steps being taken to speed up the process of ensuring 100 per cent coverage to rural households and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**  
**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c) Since August 2019, Government of India, in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to make provision of potable tap water supply to every rural household in the country.

At the time of announcement of Jal Jeevan Mission, only 3.23 Crore households were reported to have tap water connections. Since then, as reported by States/ UTs, as on 29.03.2023, around 8.36 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 29.03.2023, out of 19.43 Crore rural households in the country, more than 11.59 Crore (59.68%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes.

To achieve the goal of JJM in the whole country with speed and scale, number of steps have been taken which inter alia include joint discussion and finalization of annual action plans (AAP) of States/ UTs, regular review of implementation, capacity building and knowledge sharing through workshops/ conferences/ webinars and field visits by a multi-disciplinary team to provide technical support, etc. The Operational guidelines for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission – Har Ghar Jal were firmed up in consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders working in water sector and the same was shared with States. Further, the department also coordinated and followed-up with other agencies/ authorities for various clearances like forest/ environment, highway, railways, etc. with respect to drinking water project/ schemes.

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