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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5443 ANSWERED ON 03/04/2025

SPECIAL SCHEME FOR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION IN BAREILLY

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of clean water supply along with the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Bareilly;
- (b) whether any specific scheme has been implemented for groundwater conservation in Bareilly and if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the details of the progress made for cleaning of the Ganga in the area along with the budget allocated for the said purpose?

ANSWER

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

(a) Government of India is committed to make provision for safe & potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality and on a regular & long-term basis to all rural households in the country. Towards this end, the Government of India launched the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), being implemented in partnership with States, since August 2019. The Government of India supports the States by providing technical and financial assistance.

The State/ District-wise details including Bareilly regarding the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) are available on JJM IMIS Dashboard at :

https://ejalshakti.gov.in/jjmreport/JJMIndia.aspx.

(b) Various steps have been taken to encourage groundwater conservation in the country including Bareilly. One of the key initiative, Jal Shakti Abhiyaan – Catch the rain campaign, in its different editions, focused on water conservation and rainwater harvesting structures, renovation of traditional water bodies, reuse and recharge structures, watershed development, etc. Further, a special initiative Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) under JSA: CTR has been launched on September 6, 2024, which aims to promote collaborative community-driven water conservation efforts and focuses on enhancing water management through low-cost, scientifically designed artificial recharge structures, ensuring active participation from local communities, industries, and other stakeholders. Additionally, borewell recharge structures are encouraged/ supported under the JJM operational guidelines. Apart from this, Government of India is also implementing Atal Bhujal Yojana in 8,213 water stressed Gram Panchayats (GPs)

in 80 districts of 7 States, viz., Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices etc

(c) Under the Namami Gange Programme, a diverse and holistic set of interventions for the cleaning and rejuvenation of the river Ganga and its tributaries has been undertaken. These interventions include wastewater treatment, solid waste management, riverfront management (ghats and crematoria), ensuring e-flow, rural sanitation, afforestation, biodiversity conservation, public participation, etc. As of January 2025, a total of 492 projects have been initiated at an estimated cost of ₹40,121.48 crore, of which 307 projects have been completed and made operational.

Specifically, in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) costing ₹271.39 crore has been sanctioned for creation of a 63 Million Liters per Day (MLD) STP, which has been completed and made operational.
