

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 730**  
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**STATUS OF JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAAN**

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Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's Jal Shakti Abhiyaan is a truly transformational project that will impact health and dignity of millions of Indians and
- (b) the status of the Jal Shakti Abhiyaan in Karnataka in general and particularly in the city of Bengaluru?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti launched Jal Shakti Abhiyan-I (JSA-I) as a time bound campaign intended to improve water availability including ground water conditions in 1592 Blocks out of 2836 Blocks in the 256 water-stressed districts of the country in two phases (1 July to 30 September and from 1 October to 30 November 2019). 53 blocks and 18 districts of Karnataka including Bengaluru were covered in the campaign. Officers, groundwater experts and scientists from the Government of India worked with State and District officials in these water-stressed districts of the country including Karnataka to promote water conservation and water resource management by focusing on accelerated implementation of five target interventions, viz. water conservation & rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies/ tanks, reuse and recharge of bore wells, watershed development and intensive afforestation. With this campaign, huge awareness has been generated and various stakeholders have started taking steps for water conservation. The outcome of JSA-I is improved water conservation.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan-II could not be taken up in 2020 due to restrictions imposed by Covid-19 Pandemic. However, a campaign- "Catch The Rain" was launched by National Water Mission to generate awareness to nudge the state governments and stakeholders to take up appropriate rain water harvesting structures suitable to the soil-substrata and climatic conditions, with active participation of people. In collaboration with the "Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan" a massive awareness drive has been launched on 21 December 2020 involving Youth Clubs in 623 districts across the country.

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