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ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA IN RAJASTHAN

†3211. Shri HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats declared as ‘Over-exploited’ or ‘Critical’ by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) in Rajasthan including Tonk and Sawai Madhopur districts as on date;**
- (b) the details of the physical and financial progress of the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY) in Rajasthan including Water Security Plans (WSPs), funds released and recharge structures constructed as on date;**
- (c) whether any independent evaluation of ABY has been conducted in Rajasthan and if so, the details and the major findings thereof along with the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and**
- (d) the status of convergence between ABY and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the construction of recharge structures in overexploited blocks of Rajasthan?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

- (a) Dynamic Ground Water Resources of the country are being assessed annually since 2022 jointly by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The assessment, done at the Block/Mandal/Taluka/Tehsil/District (as applicable), provides scientific estimation of Annual Ground Water Recharge, Annual**

Extractable Ground Water Resource, Annual Ground Water Extraction and Stage of Ground Water Extraction. Based on the assessment, the assessment units are categorized as 'Safe', 'Semi-Critical', 'Critical' and 'Over-Exploited'. The results of the assessment are made available in the public domain through CGWB's online portal. CGWB does not declare Gram Panchayats as Over-exploited, Critical, Semi-Critical or Safe.

As per the Dynamic Ground Water Resources Assessment, 2025, a total of 302 assessment units has been assessed in Rajasthan, out of which 36 assessment units have been categorized as 'Safe', 27 as 'Semi-Critical', 23 as 'Critical', 213 as 'Over-Exploited' and 3 as 'Saline'.

In Tonk district, 1 assessment unit (Uniara), has been categorized as 'Critical' and 2 assessment units (Malpura and Niwai), have been categorized as 'Over-Exploited'. In Sawai Madhopur district, no assessment unit has been categorized as 'Critical', while 6 assessment units, (Gangapur, Sawai Madhopur, Chauth Ka Barwara, Khandar, Bonli and Bamanwas), have been categorized as 'Over-Exploited'.

(b) 1132 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in 38 blocks in 17 districts of Rajasthan were covered under the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABY), and Water Security Plans were prepared in all these 1132 GPs. The details of activities / works done under ABY in the State of Rajasthan are as under:

Number of trainings conducted at State / District / Block / Gram Panchayat level	Monitoring of wells	Mapping of existing water conservation and artificial recharge structures	Area brought under efficient water-use practices like drip, sprinklers, crop diversification etc. (in Hectares)	Supply-side structures constructed / renovated like check dams, ponds, recharge shafts, etc.
17782	17685	19693	89969.88	19126

The details of the total funds released /assigned to the State of Rajasthan and utilized by the State of Rajasthan under the ABY are as under:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

State	Funds disbursed	Funds utilized
Rajasthan	514.84	513.60

(c) Overall Impact Assessment Study of Atal Bhujal Yojana has been conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI). On the basis of detailed field surveys in the scheme implementation areas and interactions with local communities, the study has recognized important changes brought about by the scheme, like enhanced community awareness on ground water issues through capacity building and IEC activities, women's participation in leadership and decision making in groundwater management, social inclusivity and overall knowledge enhancement and willingness of the community to partake in groundwater conservation and water management. A copy of this Report is available on the website of the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation at web-link:

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(d) Convergence amounting to Rs.392.92 crore was undertaken under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the creation/renovation of 3,309 supply-side structures under Atal Jal in 26 over-exploited blocks of Rajasthan.
