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Funding for Jal Jeevan Mission increases 27%

NEW DELHI: In a leg up for the Jal Jeevan Mission, a scheme to provide all of India's roughly 192 million rural households with piped water by 2024, the Union Budget on Wednesday increased its allocation to ₹70,000 crore for 2023-24, 27% higher than the revised estimate of ₹55,000 crore for 2022-23. The Budget estimate 2022-23 for the scheme was ₹60,000 crore.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman also allocated ₹97,277.67 crore to the ministry of Jal Shakti, which oversees the Jal Jeevan Mission, up 40.87% from last year's allocation of

₹69,053.02 crore, in the Budget.

In a statement, the Jal Shakti ministry last week said the government had so far provided 110 million rural households with functional tap water connections. Data from the ministry's dashboard showed that 56% of the targeted 193 million households had been covered.

When PM Narendra Modi launched the Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019, only about one-sixth of the households had doorstep water supply. The Centre has committed ₹3.5 lakh crore for the completion of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

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Seeking to benefit poll-bound Karnataka, the government in its Budget for 2023-24 proposed for a central assistance of Rs 5,300 crore that would benefit drought-prone regions of the state.

The money will be given to the Upper Bhadra project to provide sustainable micro irrigation and filling up of surface tanks for drinking water.

Govt pours ₹5,300cr into arid regions of poll-bound K'taka

The project, a lift irrigation scheme, envisages lifting of 17.4 thousand million cubic feet of water from river Thunga to Bhadra reservoir and 29.9 thousand million cubic from Bhadra reservoir. Besides providing drinking water, the project is expected to irrigate over one lakh hectares of farm land

by micro irrigation in drought-prone districts of Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Tumkur and Davangere.

Expressing happiness over the announcement, Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said the Upper Bhadra Project has been one of the important irrigation

projects of the state and it will irrigate over one lakh hectares of land in drought-hit and dry land in central Karnataka. The state had forwarded a proposal to the Centre to declare this a national project and he was happy that a grant of Rs 5,300 crore had been announced, he added.

During appraisal of the project, the Central Water Commission under Jal Shakti ministry had ascertained that the water utilisation proposed under Upper Bhadra project by Karnataka is well within the allocations made to the state by Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal – I. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 16,125 crore. **TEAM TOI**

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Social Sector
Ambitious Jal Jeevan
mission gets 27% hike,
with an eye on
general elections

Higher fund flow for Jal Jeevan

₹69,684 crore allocated to Centre's marquee mission that aims to provide piped water to every rural household by 2024; Swachh Bharat Mission-Rural that seeks to sustain open defecation-free status in villages gets ₹77,000 crore

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 NEW DELHI

With an eye on the Lok Sabha election and the deadline approaching for the government's ambitious bid to provide piped water to every rural household by 2024, the Union government's marquee Jal Jeevan Mission has been allocated ₹69,684 crore, up from the ₹54,808 crore the Jal Shakti Ministry is expected to spend in the current financial year.

This works out to a roughly 27% hike. The Swachh Bharat Mission-Rural that aims to "sustain" the open defecation-free (ODF) status in India's villages has been apportioned ₹77,000 crore, up



Every drop counts: People collecting drinking water from a tanker truck in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu. FILE PHOTO

from the ₹60,000 crore the government expects to spend by March 2023.

Last week, the Ministry tweeted that the government had provided 11 crore rural households with tap

water connections. This works out to about 56% of the targeted 19.3 crore households. In September 2022, 53% of the households, or 10.2 crore households, had been covered.

In October 2022, a Ministry-commissioned survey of a cross-section of rural households said that Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Goa and Puducherry had more than 80% of households with fully functional connections, while fewer than half of the households in Rajasthan, Kerala, Manipur, Tripura, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Sikkim had such connections.

Functional connection

A fully functional tap water connection is defined as a household getting at least 55 litres of potable water per capita a day all through the year.

Close to three-fourths of

households, according to the survey, received water all seven days a week, and 8% just once a week.

On average, households received water for three hours every day, and 80% reported that their daily requirements of water were being met by the tap connections.

The Jal Jeevan Mission has a financial outlay of ₹3.6 lakh crore, with the Centre funding 50% of the cost with States and Union Territories, except for Union Territories without a Legislature where it foots the entire bill, and northeastern and Himalayan States and Union Territories with legislatures, where it funds 90% of the bill.



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IMD expects 'normal rainfall' in northwest India in Feb

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NEW DELHI: Northwest India is expected to witness "normal rainfall" in February while coldwave days in the region are less likely, the India Meteorological Department said on Wednesday.

Normal to below normal minimum temperatures are likely over most parts of the country except northeast and adjoining east India, the weather office said.

Below-normal maximum temperatures are likely over most parts of peninsular India during February, India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director-General M Mohapatra said. "The 2023 February rainfall averaged over northwest India is most likely to be normal (89-112 per cent of LPA). The long-period average (LPA) of rainfall over northwest India during February, based on the data of 1971-2020, is about 65.0 mm. Meanwhile, days with coldwave conditions are expected to be less.

"Monthly rainfall over the country as a whole during February 2023 is most likely to be normal (82-119 per cent of LPA)," Mohapatra said during a press conference.

The long-period average -- the rainfall recorded over a particular region for a given interval -- during February, based on data from 1971 to 2020, is about 22.7 mm.

Above-normal maximum temperatures are very likely in most parts of east and northeast India, east-central India and some parts of northwest and west-central India.

The minimum temperatures are most likely to be normal to below normal over most parts of the country except northeast and adjoining east India, northern parts of the west coast and some parts of northwest India, where it is most likely to be above normal.

"The probability forecast for the maximum temperatures indicates that during February, below-normal maximum temperatures are likely over most parts of peninsular and some parts of central India.

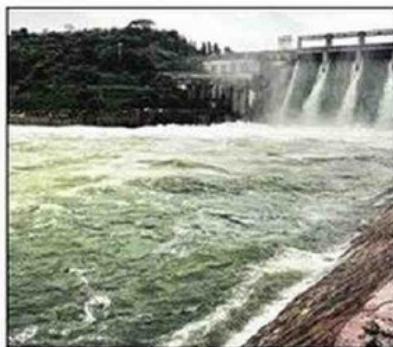
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चुनावी राज्य कर्नाटक को भद्रा परियोजना के लिए 5,300 करोड़ रुपये का एलान

नई दिल्ली। इस साल नौ राज्यों में विधानसभा और अगले साल होने जा रहे लोकसभा चुनाव के बावजूद वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने चुनावी राज्यों को तोहफा देने में परहेज की। हालांकि, बजट में राहत पाने वाला कर्नाटक इकलौता चुनावी राज्य है। बजट में राज्य को सूखे से निपटने के लिए अपर भद्रा परियोजना को 5,300 रुपये के अनुदान की घोषणा की गई है। राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री बसवराज बोम्मई ने इसके लिए वित्त मंत्री का आभार जताया है।

इस साल जिन नौ राज्यों में चुनाव होने हैं, उनमें कर्नाटक पहला राज्य है। यहां अप्रैल में चुनाव संभावित हैं। यहां सत्तारूढ़ भाजपा और कांग्रेस के



बीच कड़े मुकाबले की उम्मीद जताई जा रही है। चुनाव से ठीक पहले मिले भारी भरकम अनुदान से बोम्मई खुश हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि इस अनुदान राशि से भद्रा परियोजना के जरिये सरकार राज्य में सूखे की समस्या से स्थायी निजात पाने की कोशिश करेगी। ब्यूरो

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बताती है कि केंद्र सरकार कर्नाटक की जनता

की समस्याओं के प्रति बेहद संवेदनशील है।

अनुदान राशि से राज्य की सूखे की समस्या ही नहीं पेयजल की समस्या भी खत्म होगी। - बसवराव बोम्मई, सीएम कर्नाटक

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सबको घर और पानी देकर 2024 पर निशाना

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■ **नई दिल्ली :** नरेंद्र मोदी के नेतृत्व वाली सरकार के दसवें और दूसरे टर्म के अंतिम पूर्णकालिक बजट में सरकार ने संकेत दिया है कि आम चुनाव में उनके लिए सबसे अहम सियासी मुद्दा क्या होगा। इस बजट में इस दो मोर्चे पर सबसे अधिक फोकस किया गया है। पहला सभी को घर और दूसरा, हर घर जल। PM नरेंद्र मोदी के लिए 2024 आम चुनाव से पहले हर घर जल एक महत्वाकांक्षी योजना है। बजट में जल जीवन मिशन के तहत 70,000 करोड़ रुपये की घोषणा की

गई है। वहीं, प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना के लिए बजट में 78 हजार करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किया गया है। माना जा रहा है कि आम चुनाव से पहले सरकार हर किसी को घर देने के अपने वादे को पूरा करने करने में जुटी है। इन दोनों क्षेत्रों के लिए सरकार ने अभी तक का सबसे बड़ा आवंटन किया है।

पहले ही दे दिया था संकेत

2019 में दूसरा कार्यकाल शुरू होते ही केंद्र सरकार ने ऐलान कर दिया था कि इस टर्म में उनका सबसे अहम अजेंडा है 2024 तक हर घर तक पानी की पाइप लाइन और

पीने के लिए स्वच्छ पानी उपलब्ध कराना है। साथ ही 2022 तक सभी को घर देने की योजना थी। लेकिन सरकार के अनुसार दो साल कोविड महामारी के कारण लक्ष्य को पूरा नहीं किया जा सका। लेकिन अब 2024 से पहले मिशन मोड पर दोनों मोर्चों पर युद्ध स्तर पर काम होगा और 2024 में इसका बड़ा सियासी फायदा मिलेगा।

क्या है सरकार की मंशा

सरकार का मकसद है कि 2024 तक हर घर ऐसा हो जहां बिजली, पानी, शौचालय और गैस सिलिंडर की सुविधा हो। ऐसा

दावा है कि पहले टर्म में प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना, शौचालय और उज्ज्वला जैसी योजनाओं का लोगों को काफी लाभ मिला। इससे सरकार को गरीबों के बड़े तबके का वोट मिला। पीएम मोदी ने पिछले दिनों मंत्रियों और अधिकारियों के साथ मीटिंग में कहा था कि जिस तरह हर घर शौचालय ने देश के गरीब तबकों के बीच एक अस्मिता के वर्षों के सवाल का जवाब दिया, उसी तरह हर घर पानी भी सामाजिक और सियासी रूप से सीधे लोगों के दिलों से जोड़ सकती है। देश में 20 करोड़ से अधिक लोग जल के लिए कहीं किसी दूसरे के स्रोत पर आधारित है।