

FAQs on Jal Kranti Abhiyan

Q.No.1. What is Jal Kranti Abhiyan?

Ans. Jal Kranti Abhiyan is being celebrated during the year 2015-16 to consolidate water conservation and management in the country through a holistic and integrated approach involving all stakeholders, making it a mass movement.

Q.No.2. When the Abhiyan was launched?

Ans. Jal Kranti Abhiyan was launched on 5th June, 2015 across the country.

Q.No.3. What are the objectives of Jal Kranti Abhiyan?

Ans. The objectives of Jal Kranti Abhiyan are :-

- Strengthening grass root involvement of all stakeholders including Panchayati Raj Institutions and local bodies in the water security and development schemes (e.g. Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM));
- Encouraging the adoption/utilization of traditional knowledge in water resources conservation and its management;
- To utilize sector level expertise from different levels in government, NGO's, citizens etc; and
- Enhancing livelihood security through water security in rural areas.

Q.No.4. What are the activities being undertaken under Jal Kranti Abhiyan?

Ans. The activities/components being undertaken the Abhiyan are :-

1. Jal Gram Yojana
2. Development of Model Command Area
3. Pollution abatement
4. Mass Awareness Programme
5. Other Activities

Q.No.5. How is the programme being implemented?

Ans. This Ministry has issued two guidelines; one is general guidelines and second is step-by-step implementation guidelines where the implementation of programme in detail have been enshrined. As per the guidelines, four tier of implementation committees from national level upto village level have been constituted.

In addition, the Nodal Officers of CWC/ CGWB in all the States/UTs have been appointed who are responsible for implementation of the programme in their allocated States/UTs. Simultaneously, a group of ten Joint Secretary level officers have been nominated to

personally monitor their areas of States given to them for successful implementation of the programme.

The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation is also conducting video conferencing from time to time with the State Govt. officials and the Nodal Officers therein and keeping the watch regularly for implementation of the programme.

Q.No.6. What is monitoring mechanism of Jal Kranti Abhiyan?

Ans. At the National level, there is a national level committee under the chairmanship of Special Secretary (WR, RD & GR) who is looking after the overall implementation of Jal Kranti Abhiyan at the national level. Similarly, at the State level, there is a State Level Monitoring Committees under the chairmanship of Principal Committee of the respective States who are responsible for the implementation of the Abhiyan at the State level.

Q.No.7. What is Jal Gram Yojana?

Ans. Jal Gram Yojana is one of the most important activity of the Jal Kranti Abhiyan under which two villages in every district (preferably being a part of dark block or facing acute water scarcity) are being selected as Jal Grams.

An integrated water security plan for water conservation, water management and allied activities are being prepared to ensure optimum and sustainable utilization of water.

Q.No.8. What is the selection procedure of Jal Gram?

Ans. A district level committee for each district has been constituted under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate/District Commissioner who are responsible for identification of two Jal Grams in their respective districts.

Q.No.9. What is the structure of implementation of Jal Gram Yojana?

Ans. A committee at village/block level is being formed for implementation and monitoring of works under Jal Gram Yojana for every Jal Gram. The role of the village level committee are :-

- (i) Providing inputs for formulation of water security plan
- (ii) Implementation of works
- (iii) Monitoring of works
- (iv) Advocacy of water conservation in village
- (v) Meeting once in a fortnight.

Q.No.10. What is the Model Command Area?

Ans. Under Jal Kranti Abhiyan, a model command area of about 1000 hectare in a State shall be identified. States adopted for model Command area should represent different parts of the country for example Uttar Pradesh, Haryana (North), Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu

(South), Rajasthan, Gujarat (West), Odisha (East), Meghalaya (North East) etc. Model command area shall be selected from an existing / ongoing irrigation project in the state where funds for development are available from various schemes. Selection of Model Command Area shall be done by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in consultation with States Governments.

Q.No.11. How mass awareness programme is being undertaken?

Ans. Mass awareness campaigns designed to address problems and suggest solutions to meet the requirements of each segment of the society under the continuing scheme of “Information, Education and Communication”. The focus will be on:-

- i. Use of Social Media like Facebook, Twitter, etc. to engage the citizens;
- ii. Awareness programme for the general public on radio and television;
- iii. Use of print media (e.g. booklets, posters and pamphlets) to spread awareness on Jal Kranti Abhiyan.
- iv. Awareness programme for children and adult through essay, painting & other competitions;
- v. International Water User Exchange Programme;
- vi. Specific activities targeting the policy planners and opinion makers; and
- vii. Organization of conferences, workshops on important water development and management issues.

Under the mass aware programme, training/workshops across the country are being organized to make about the water conservation and water management, apart from that essay competition and other national level conferences are also being conducted. Radio jingle programmes are also underway.

Q.No.12. What activities are being undertaken under the component ‘other activities’?

Ans. Under this component, States are being encouraged to adopt State Water Policy in line with National Water Policy, 2012. They are also being encouraged to set up / strengthen their State Water Resources Council and State Water Regulatory Authority.

Q.No.13. What are funding arrangements under Jal Kranti Abhiyan?

Ans. This is a convergence programme and no separate fund have been allotted for this Abhiyan. Expenditure on various works are being taken in each Jal Gram will be met from existing schemes of Central/State Governments, such as PMKSY, MGNREGA, RRR of water bodies, AIBP etc.