

Uttar Pradesh: 'Parched Bundelkhand to get tap water by December'

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LUCKNOW: In its bid to supply piped water to 12 lakh families in water-starved areas of Bundelkhand and Purvanchal before the assembly elections, the state government is racing against time to complete projects under the 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana'.

Principal secretary, Namami Gange, Anurag Srivastava said trial run for several projects would start within next two months and the government would be able to start the water supply to Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions from December.

STREAM OF HOPE

Number of projects		32
Schemes under projects		467
Intake wells		43
Water treatment plants		42
Clear water reservoirs		351
Overhead tanks		1,258
Gram panchayats to benefit		2,608
Revenue village to benefit		3,823
Population to benefit		72,68,705



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"The government has completed about 80% work of water treatment plants in various districts of Bundelkhand, like Jhansi and Mahoba. Construction work is almost complete in over 50% of the plants. We plan to complete the work six months before the deadline," he said.

Under the central Jal Jeevan Mission, 467 projects are being implemented in Bundelkhand, 43 of which are surface water schemes and the remaining based on groundwater.

Srivastava said the schemes would benefit about 74 lakh people in 3,823 villages.

"Projects, which include a network of water treatment plants, overhead tanks and a massive network of pipes, we will provide 11,95,265 water connections in 3,823 villages. These projects will benefit 2,608 gram panchayats in seven districts of Bundelkhand," a government spokesperson said.

Project management consultant, Jal Jeevan Mission, Pankaj Singh gave the example of Budhpura village in Jhansi where supply will start in November.

"Under the Budhpura drinking water scheme, we are making intake wells, water treatment plant, clear water reservoir and overhead tanks at zonal levels. About 14 tanks have already been constructed. Water for this project will be drawn from Matatila Dam in Lalitpur," he said.

Executive engineer, Jal Nigam, Mahoba, Kamlesh Singh Tomar said over 80% construction work on Mahoba's Lahchura Kashipura village group pipe drinking water scheme had been completed and preparation was on for the trial run of the scheme in October. This scheme is being executed at a cost of Rs 233 crore and will benefit 44,000 households.