

Million Wells Scheme (MWS) or Jaldhara Yojna : This Yojna is also an integral part of the Jawahar Rojgar Yojna. Under this Yojna, there is a programme to construct ten lakh wells to remove poverty by increasing productivity of agriculture. The scheme is also employment generation because the construction of wells requires hiring the labour. On this Yojna, 30 percent of total allocation of funds under Jawahar Rojgar Yojna is spent. In 30 percent, 20 percent is for STs, SCs and released bounded labour and 10 percent for other weaker section. Under this yojna, works related to construction of new wells and repair of old wells are taken up. A sum of Rs. 26,765/- is given for the construction of work. This amount is maximum amount given for the construction of a well.

The construction of well is done on the land owned by the beneficiary family. The well is constructed by the beneficiary and not by the contractor. If a person has taken benefit of well construction by other programme, he is not covered under Million Wells Scheme or Jaldhara Yojna. However, for the repair of the old wells, he can be included as beneficiaries. The depth of the well to be constructed under their programme is kept to 40 feet.