

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2017**

Contamination of Drinking Water

2428. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the drinking water sources are contaminated by sewage and agriculture run-off and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether 21% of communicable diseases in India are related to unsafe drinking water and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether diarrhoea caused due to unsafe drinking water alone causes more than 1,600 deaths all over the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

- (a) Technology adopted for rural sanitation is onsite twin pit pour flush latrine. Sewage treatment plants are constructed only for urban areas, the data of which is not maintained in this Ministry. Further, this Ministry has not received any report from any State regarding contamination of drinking water sources due to agricultural run-off.
- (b) As per reports available, 21% of communicable diseases in India are water related. The highest mortality from diarrhoea is in children under the age of five, highlighting an urgent need for focused interventions to prevent diarrhoeal disease in this age group.
- (c) & (d) As per the reports of National Health Profile - 2015 published by the Central Bureau of Health Investigation, Directorate General Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, during the year 2014 (January to December), 1,323 deaths had occurred due to Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases in India. State-wise details of deaths occurred is at Annexure.
- (e) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has focused its approach in providing safe drinking water through piped water supply schemes so that safe water is available at point of use/consumption. States have been advised to take up proper disinfection practices so that bacteriological contamination does not occur in the water supply schemes.

Annexure referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred question no. 2428 due for reply on
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State-wise number of deaths occurred due to Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases as per National Health
Profile-2015

S.No.	Name of the State/ UT	Number of deaths occurred
1	ANDAMAN and NICOBAR	2
2	ANDHRA PRADESH *	10
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	5
4	ASSAM **	64
5	BIHAR	24
6	CHHATTISGARH	32
7	GOA	4
8	GUJARAT	3
9	HARYANA	8
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	52
11	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	0
12	JHARKHAND	28
13	KARNATAKA	23
14	KERALA	9
15	MADHYA PRADESH	112
16	MAHARASHTRA	4
17	MANIPUR	32
18	MEGHALAYA ***	27
19	MIZORAM	10
20	NAGALAND	0
21	ODISHA	169
22	PUDUCHERRY	11
23	PUNJAB	22
24	RAJASTHAN	17
25	SIKKIM	2
26	TAMIL NADU	14
27	TRIPURA	22
28	UTTAR PRADESH	301
29	UTTARAKHAND	14
30	WEST BENGAL	200
31	CHANDIGARH	29
32	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0
33	DMAN & DIU	0
34	LAKSHADWEEP	0
35	DELHI	73
Total		1323

* : Excludes data of 10 districts of Telangana from July onwards

** : Till September, *** : Till October

