

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4651
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2017

Shortage of Drinking Water

4651. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

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

- (a) the nature of contamination which are being found in the ground water as well as water from rivers in Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from the Government of Gujarat seeking financial assistance to provide safe drinking water to the people; and
- (c) if so, the details of funds released, so far and the assessment of progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

- (a) As per the information of Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) fluoride is reported in some parts of ground water in Ahmedabad, Amreli, Anand, Banaskantha, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Dahod, Junagadh, Kachchh, Mehesana, Narmada, Panchmahals, Patan, Porbandar, Rajkot, Sabarkantha, Surat, Surendranagar, Vadodara districts, nitrate is reported in some parts of ground water in Ahmedabad, Amreli, Anand, Banaskantha, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Dahod, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Kachchh, Kheda, Mehesana, Narmada, Navsari, Panchmahals, Patan, Porbandar, Rajkot, Sabarkantha, Surat, Surendranagar, Vadodara districts and iron is reported in some parts of ground water in Ahmedabad, Banaskantha, Bhavnagar, Kachchh, Mehesana, Narmada districts. In addition many parts of the Kutch region of Gujarat, the ground water is saline.

Though nature of contamination in rivers is not maintained by this Ministry, bacteriological contamination and turbidity are generally contaminants found in rivers.

However, as reported by the State Government, all water quality habitations have been provided safe drinking water in the rural areas of Gujarat.

(b) & (c) The Government of Gujarat had submitted following project proposals:

- i. To provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 4570 crore as a special case under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for sustainable water supply in the State.

The proposal was examined by the technical team in the Ministry. Since such huge funding is not possible under NRDWP allocation, the State Govt. had been intimated about the Ministry's inability to provide the required funds under NRDWP and in case State Govt. desires, they may send proposal for funding under externally aided projects, along with the required documents.

- ii. 3 water supply schemes in the tribal areas of Gujarat for posing the proposal for funding from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The total estimated cost of the proposal is Rs. 848 crore.

The above mentioned project proposals seeking external assistance have been technically examined in this Ministry and same had been recommended to Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance for further necessary action.