

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2993
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017**

Contaminated Drinking Water in Tribal Areas

†2993. **SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:**

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

- (a) whether the tribal people living in the hilly States particularly Sahebganj, Pakur, Godda and Dumka districts of Jharkhand are compelled to drink contaminated drinking water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the various measures taken to provide safe drinking water in the tribal areas of the said districts?

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

- (a) & (b) : Number of habitations affected by fluoride, arsenic, iron and nitrate in Sahebganj, Pakur, Godda and Dumka districts of Jharkhand State as reported by the state into integrated management information system (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 01st August, 2017 is as follows.

S. No.	Name of the Districts	Contamination Wise Number Of Habitations			
		Fluoride	Arsenic	Iron	Nitrate
1	DUMKA	8	1	251	0
2	GODDA	17	15	3	0
3	PAKUR	58	2	123	0
4	SAHIBGANJ	21	73	5	0

As per the information provided by the Government of Jharkhand, Electro De-Fluoridation Plants and Arsenic Removal Plants have been installed as short term measures (where surface water is not available) in the fluoride and arsenic affected habitations and provided safe drinking water.

(C) : As per the information provided by the Government of Jharkhand, following measures have been taken to provide safe drinking water. District wise number of completed and under construction large / mini rural pipe water supply schemes are as below:-

Sl.	Name of the District	Completed	Under Construction
Large Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes			
1	Dumka	10	3
2	Godda	14	7
3	Pakur	6	3
4	Sahebganj	1	6
Total		31	19
Mini Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes			
1	Dumka	78	0
2	Godda	62	0
3	Pakur	51	0
4	Sahebganj	69	0
Total		260	0
Mini Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes powered by Solar Energy			
1	Godda	70	55
2	Pakur	90	10
3	Sahebganj	80	20
Total		240	85
Fluoride Removal Attachment			
1	Godda	0	11
2	Pakur	40	0
3	Sahebganj	35	0
Total		75	11
Arsenic Removal Attachment			
1	Sahebganj	100	0
Total		100	0
