

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4025
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2017

SURVEY ON CONTAMINATION OF WATER

4025. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Ground Water Board has carried out any survey during the past three years for chemical quality of water in shallow aquifers in Bharuch and Narmada regions of Gujarat to identify habitations where drinking water is contaminated with Fluoride, Arsenic and Nitrate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the extent of Fluoride, Arsenic and Nitrate contamination in ground water has been found in excess of the limits prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective action taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c) No Madam. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has not carried out any survey to identify habitations on the basis of contamination of drinking water.

(d) Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation supplements the efforts of the States by providing them with technical and financial assistance through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for improving the coverage of safe drinking water to rural population. It is the State Governments who plan, design, execute and operate schemes for providing safe drinking water.
