

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018

Drinking Water Crisis in U.P.

†1129. **SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:**

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

- (a) whether Uttar Pradesh is one of the States where drinking water crisis has worsened and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether drinking water has been contaminated due to the presence of toxic chemicals in it and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has any data regarding the percentage of water which is potable in Uttar Pradesh as if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA)

(a) Rural drinking water supply is a state subject. This Ministry supplements the efforts of state government for providing safe drinking water in rural areas. As per information entered by states on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), as on 04.02.2018, out of total 260027 rural habitations in the state of Uttar Pradesh, 256303 rural habitations (98.57 %) are Fully Covered (i.e. getting more than 40 litre per capita per day safe drinking water), 2345 rural habitations (0.90 %) are Partially Covered (i.e. getting less than 40 lpcd) and 1379 rural habitations (0.53%) are Quality Affected (i.e. containing at least one contaminant).

(b) Yes Madam. Drinking water in the rural habitations of UP is contaminated with Fluoride, Arsenic, Iron, Salinity and Nitrate. The details of habitations affected with chemical contaminants in Uttar Pradesh are as under:

State	Contamination wise number of habitations				
	Fluoride	Arsenic	Iron	Salinity	Nitrate
Uttar Pradesh	179	748	362	80	10

(c) This Ministry maintains information in terms of coverage of rural habitations with safe drinking water and not the data regarding the percentage of water which is potable in Uttar Pradesh. As per information entered by states on IMIS, as on 04.02.2018, 99.47 % of rural habitations in UP are getting safe drinking water.