

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6337**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018**

**Fluoride and Arsenic affected States**

**†6337. SHRI HARI MANJHI:**  
**SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

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

- (a) the details of States in the country which have been affected by contamination of drinking water through fluoride and arsenic contents;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide safe drinking water to these States including Jharkhand and Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government is providing any special assistance to these States in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the targets fixed for these, States/UTs?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) :State-wise number of fluoride and arsenic affected habitations as reported by the states into Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018 is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Rural drinking water supply is a State subject. However, for improving the coverage of safe drinking water to rural population, this Ministry supplements the efforts of the States by providing them with technical and financial assistance through the centrally sponsored scheme National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). It is the State Government who plan, design, approve, execute and operate & maintain the schemes for providing safe drinking water to rural population. The funds provided to the States under NRDWP can be utilized for coverage and tackling water quality problems with priority to fluoride and arsenic affected habitations.

To deal with arsenic and fluoride contamination, with the recommendation of NITI Aayog, Government of India had released Rs.1,000 crore to affected states including Jharkhand and Bihar in March 2016 for commissioning of Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) and surface water based piped water supply schemes. Out of which, Rs. 1.50 Crore and Rs. 22.83 Crore had been released to Government of Jharkhand and Government of Bihar respectively for commissioning of Community Water Purification Plants.

In addition to this, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation had launched the National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017, under NRDWP to provide safe drinking water to about 28,000 arsenic / fluoride affected habitations, in a span of 4 years, subject to availability of funds. As on 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018, Rs. 2,825.67 Crore had been released to arsenic / fluoride affected states under NWQSM.

During 2016-17, under NWQSM, Rs. 1.07 Crore and Rs. 20.97 Crore had been released as Central share to Government of Jharkhand and Government of Bihar respectively for ongoing piped water supply schemes.

During 2017-18, under NWQSM, Rs.37.65 Crore and Rs. 80.37 Crore had been released to Government of Jharkhand and Government of Bihar respectively for new schemes in arsenic and fluoride affected habitations.

**Annexure referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6337 due  
for reply on 05/04/2018**

**State-wise number of fluoride and arsenic affected habitations as reported by  
the states into Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the  
Ministry as on 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018**

S. No.	Name of the State	Nos. of affected habitations	
		Fluoride	Arsenic
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	348	-
3	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
4	Assam	285	4,514
5	Bihar	898	871
6	Chhattisgarh	403	19
7	Goa	-	-
8	Gujarat	-	-
9	Haryana	118	-
10	Himachal Pradesh	-	-
11	Jammu & Kashmir	4	-
12	Jharkhand	534	101
13	Karnataka	579	4
14	Kerala	34	-
15	Madhya Pradesh	171	-
16	Maharashtra	75	-
17	Manipur	-	-
18	Meghalaya	-	-
19	Mizoram	-	-
20	Nagaland	-	-
21	Odisha	104	-
22	Puducherry	-	-
23	Punjab	298	698
24	Rajasthan	5,996	-
25	Sikkim	-	-
26	Tamil Nadu	-	-
27	Telangana	681	-
28	Tripura	-	-
29	Uttar Pradesh	179	748
30	Uttarakhand	-	-
31	West Bengal	1,317	9,888
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,024</b>	<b>16,843</b>