

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3716
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/01/2019**

Arsenic and Fluoride Contamination of Water in Odisha

3716. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

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

- (a) the temporary measures to deal available Fluoride in drinking water i.e. FRP in Nuapada; and
- (b) the reasons behind Government of India debarring Odisha from accessing funds from submission created to tackle Flouride& Arsenic problem in drinking water?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
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- (a) As reported by the Government of Odisha, Nuapada district has 895 fluoride affected habitations. Out of which, 368 fluoride affected habitations have been covered through surface water based piped water supply schemes and 28 habitations have been provided safe drinking water through sanitary wells, as these are not contaminated with fluoride. State of Odisha has also informed that they have installed 526 De-fluoridation plants in hand-pump tube wells in Nuapada district as a temporary measure and as permanent measure 66 numbers of surface water based piped water supply projects have been taken up.
- (b) The Ministry had formulated National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) based on the number of arsenic / fluoride affected habitations as reported by the States in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 18.08.2016. As reported by the Government of Odisha in IMIS on said date, 65 fluoride affected habitations were considered for funding under NWQSM.

Moreover, in March-2016, with the recommendation of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), Government of India had released Rs. 2.00 Crore to Odisha for commissioning of Community Water Purification Plants (CWPPs) in fluoride affected habitations.

Further, State can also take up schemes for providing safe drinking water in water quality affected habitations including fluoride affected habitations (over and above the NWQSM earmarked habitations) under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) - Coverage funds.
