

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3877
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/01/2019**

WHO Water Supply Standard

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

- (a) the percentage of water supply in the country which lives upto the standards of World Health Organisation (WHO);
- (b) the number of cases relating to contaminated water reported in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;
- (c) the extent to which our laboratories are capable in this regard;
- (d) whether the entire country has been connected with online integrated system of quality check results; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation follows the drinking water quality standards IS:10500 and its subsequent amendments published by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). As reported by the States in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 31.12.2018, 61,551 habitations are affected by chemical contamination.
- (b) Rural Drinking water supply is a State subject. 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 plans, designs, approves, executes, operates & maintains the schemes for providing safe drinking water to rural population. The funds provided to the States under NRDWP can be utilized by them on priority for taking up schemes in areas where contamination of drinking water is an issue.
- (c) to (e) As reported by the States in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 31.12.2018, there are 2,298 various level drinking water quality testing laboratory exists in the country, wherein various parameters linked to potability of water are being tested regularly and reports are uploaded in IMIS by the States.
