

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 791  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019**

**National Water Quality Sub-mission**

**791. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:  
SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government have launched a National Water Quality Submission aimed at providing the safe drinking water to the habitats affected by Arsenic and Fluoride;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to provide safe drinking water to all the habitats affected by Arsenic and Fluoride; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) to (d) The Ministry of Drinking Water had launched National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017 to provide safe drinking water to 27,544 arsenic / fluoride affected rural habitations, in a span of 4 years, subject to availability of funds. The National Water Quality Sub-Mission has been formulated based on the number of habitations affected by arsenic / fluoride as reported by the States in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. State-wise number of habitations affected by arsenic and fluoride considered under NWQSM is at Annexure.

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**Annexure: referred in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 791 due for reply on 07/02/2019**

**Number of habitations affected by arsenic and fluoride as reported by the states in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Arsenic (&gt;0.01 mg/L)</b>	<b>Fluoride (&gt;1.5 mg/L)</b>
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	-	421
2	ASSAM	3,726	155
3	BIHAR	1,077	1,043
4	CHATTISGARH	-	75
5	HARYANA	45	200
6	JHARKHAND	130	998
7	KARNATAKA	21	1,038
8	KERALA	-	73
9	MADHYA PRADESH	-	136
10	MAHARASHTRA	-	100
11	ODISHA	-	65
12	PUNJAB	492	285
13	RAJASTHAN	-	6,849
14	TELANGANA	-	1,041
15	UTTAR PRADESH	262	200
16	WEST BENGAL	8,066	1,046
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,819</b>	<b>13,725</b>