

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2206
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

Contamination of Drinking Water

†2206. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the States affected by drinking water contamination caused by fluoride and arsenic;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide safe drinking water to such States including Jharkhand and Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government is providing any special assistance to these States in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the targets set for these States/ Union Territories?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) Number of Habitations affected by Arsenic and Fluoride in different States/ UTs as reported by the States into Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Department as on 30th June, 2019 is placed at **Annexure-I**

(b) to (e) Drinking water supply is a state subject. It is the State Governments which plan, design, approve, execute and operate & maintain the schemes for providing safe drinking water to rural population. However, this Ministry provides technical and financial assistance to States under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for improving the coverage of safe drinking water in rural areas.

During March 2016, with the recommendation of NITI Aayog, an amount of Rs. 1000 crore to various State Governments was released for installation of community water purification plants in arsenic/fluoride affected habitations including 1.5 crore to Govt. of Jharkhand and 22.83 crore to Govt. of Bihar.

In addition to this, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation had launched the National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) on 22nd March 2017 under NRDWP to provide safe drinking water to 27,544 arsenic / fluoride affected rural habitations in the country during a span of 4 years including 1128 and 2120 Arsenic/Fluoride affected habitations of Jharkhand and Bihar respectively.

**Annexure I referred in the Statement referred in the Reply to Lok Sabha
Unstarred Question No. 2206 due for reply on 04/07/2019**

**Number of Habitations affected by Arsenic and Fluoride in different States/ UTs
as reported by the States into Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)
of the Department as on 30th June, 2019**

S. No.	State/UT	No. Of Fluoride affected rural habitations	No. Of Arsenic affected rural habitations
1	Andhra Pradesh	429	0
2	Assam	256	4,293
3	Bihar	705	804
4	Chhattisgarh	281	0
5	Haryana	87	0
6	Jammu & Kashmir	4	0
7	Jharkhand	197	19
8	Karnataka	262	2
9	Kerala	32	0
10	Madhya Pradesh	143	0
11	Maharashtra	53	0
12	Odisha	92	0
13	Punjab	330	660
14	Rajasthan	4,177	0
15	Uttar Pradesh	119	650
16	West Bengal	1,359	7,544
	Total	8,526	13,972

Source: IMIS, DDWS