GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4192 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

Excessive Salt in Drinking Water

†4192. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether presence of excess salt in water is leading to serious diseases like kidney disease among the people of various States, particularly in Shegaon, Jalgaon, Jamod, Sangrampur, Khangaon, Nandura, Malkapur areas in Buldhana region of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to reduce the excess quantity of salt in water in Buldhana region, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated to the States, especially to Maharashtra in this regard?

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

(a) Rural 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 Governments who plan, design, approve, execute, operate & maintain the schemes for providing safe drinking water to rural population. The funds provided to the States under NRDWP can be utilized for taking up schemes in water quality affected areas on priority including salinity affected areas.

As per the information entered by Government of Maharashtra at the IMIS of this Department, 23 rural habitations are affected from Salinity in drinking water as per details below:

S.No.	Blocks	No. Of Salinity affected rural habitations
1	Jalgaon	9
2	Malkapur	1
3	Nandura	1
4	Sangrampur	12
5	Total	23

As reported by State Government of Maharashtra, during the house to house survey conducted by Health Department of BuldhanaZilaParishad in 2018-19, patients have been observed with Kidney diseases inShegaon, JalgaonJamod, Sangrampur, Khangaon, Nandura, Malkapur areas in Buldhanadistrict of Maharashtra.

(b)& (C) As reported by Government of Maharashtra, the State has sanctioned Regional Water Supply Scheme under NRDWP for 140 villages in Jalgaon-Jamod and Sangrampur tehsils. Out of 140 villages, 72 villages are under saline tract and regular water supply has been started. The State Government has also sanctioned scheme for HinganeGavhad and 13 villages in RRWSS in Nandura tehsil under NRDWP and regular water supply has been started from April, 2018 in 11 Villages. Govt. of Maharashtra has also installed 83 RO plants in various villages of the Buldhana district.

The details of funds released to States, including state of Maharashtra under NRDWP during 2018-19 is placed at **Annexure**.

Annexure referred in the Statement referred in the Reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4192 due for reply on 18/07/2019

Details of funds (Rs. In Crores) released to States, including State of Maharashtra during 2018-19

S. No.	State	Central Release
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0.31
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	185.85
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	90.89
4	ASSAM	300.76
5	BIHAR	234.84
6	CHHATTISGARH	48.19
7	GOA	1.67
8	GUJARAT	222.27
9	HARYANA	76.76
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	85.43
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR	249.34
12	JHARKHAND	85.12
13	KARNATAKA	276.06
14	KERALA	84.86
15	MADHYA PRADESH	243.62
16	MAHARASHTRA	239.06
17	MANIPUR	37.73
18	MEGHALAYA	49.15
19	MIZORAM	26.25
20	NAGALAND	17.36
21	ODISHA	128.82
22	PUDUCHERRY	0
23	PUNJAB	119.41
24	RAJASTHAN	655.41
25	SIKKIM	10.89
26	TAMIL NADU	167.31
27	TELANGANA	123.18
28	TRIPURA	51.73
29	UTTAR PRADESH	670.72
30	UTTARAKHAND	92.97
31	WEST BENGAL	890.28
	Total	5,466.24

Source: IMIS, DDWS