

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 13  
TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 20, 2023**

**QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER**

**NO. 13. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:**

**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to determine the quality of drinking water particularly in Delhi;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to tackle possible health hazards due to contaminated water being used for drinking?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

**(a) & (b): Delhi Jal Board (DJB), a statutory body under Government of Delhi is responsible for treatment, supply and distribution of water for household consumers or other purposes in Delhi.**

**DJB has also informed that it conducts regular quality checks on the water being supplied by the board. Also water quality is being monitored at 09 (Nine) Plants Laboratories and field Laboratories at different stages of treatment i.e. from raw to final waters by collecting around 1600-1700 samples per day and 400-450 samples from the field i.e. Under Ground Reservoir to consumer end. Out of 181241 water samples collected and tested in last one year i.e. from April 2022 to March 2023, only 3.06% were found unsatisfactory. which comes under “intermediate category and remedial action of low priority is required” as per World Health Organisation (WHO).**

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**(c): Water is a State subject and management of water is mainly State Government responsibility. However, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs supplement the efforts of the States/ Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in these sectors through its various flagship programmes like AMRUT & AMRUT 2.0.**

**Under AMRUT, to mitigate the problem in drinking water sector, the water supply component inter-alia, provides for rehabilitation of old water supply systems including treatment plants and special water supply arrangement for difficult areas, hills and coastal cities, including those having water quality issues. Further, AMRUT has been expanded from 500 cities to all statutory towns with launch of AMRUT 2.0 which envisages to make them 'water secure' through circular economy of water. Mission will also co-opt women and youth in water demand management, water quality testing, water infrastructure operations and for concurrent feedbacks about its progress.**

**Further, some initiatives are also being taken by DJB for "Zero Tolerance in Water Quality".**

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