

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2011
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.09.2020**

FLUORIDE MITIGATION CENTERS

2011. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Fluoride Mitigation Centres in the country including West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (c) the time by which these centres are likely to be started; and
- (d) the percentage of population suffering from fluorosis, State-wise?

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

(a) to (c) The Government has decided to set up National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation and Quality (NCDWSQ) at Kolkata at a capital outlay of Rs. 96.21 crore. The construction of building and campus development of the Centre has been taken up and is nearing completion. The mandate of the Centre *inter alia* includes the issue of Fluoride mitigation.

(d) As reported by the State/ UTs, as on 18.09.2020, there are 5,443 rural habitations with 43.28 lakh population, having Fluoride contamination in drinking water sources. The State-wise list of Fluoride-affected habitations with population as on date is provided at **Annex-I**. Prolonged consumption of excess Fluoride through various sources, may lead to Fluorosis. To provide safe water to every rural household through tap water connections by 2024, Jal Jeevan Mission–Har Ghar Jal is under implementation in partnerships with States, at an estimated outlay of Rs. 3.60 lakh Crore.

**Annex–I referred in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2011 due for reply
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**State-wise number of rural habitations and population therein, having
Fluoride contamination in local drinking water sources**

(as on 18.09.2020)

S.No.	State	Number of habitations	Population
1.	Andhra Pradesh	111	56,831
2.	Assam	33	15,935
3.	Bihar	861	9,45,883
4.	Chhattisgarh	154	54,828
5.	Haryana	33	52,455
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	6,816
7.	Jharkhand	81	41,599
8.	Karnataka	176	1,66,485
9.	Kerala	15	27,454
10.	Madhya Pradesh	276	2,59,645
11.	Maharashtra	29	30,310
12.	Odisha	69	23,253
13.	Punjab	211	2,76,698
14.	Rajasthan	2,930	20,30,291
15.	Tamil Nadu	236	1,17,582
16.	Uttar Pradesh	72	1,12,512
17.	West Bengal	154	1,09,844
	Total	5,443	43,28,421