

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 816
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.09.2020**

ARSENIC CONTAMINATED WATER

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to address the problem of contamination in cities/towns/areas reporting Arsenic contaminated drinking water;
- (b) the policy decisions taken by the Government to solve the problem during the last three years and the steps taken by the Government to spread country-wide awareness in this regard; and
- (c) the details of districts/towns/cities/areas which are in grip of Arsenic contamination, State/UT-wise?

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

(a)&(b) Government of India in partnership with States is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission – Har Ghar Jal to enable every rural household in the country to have potable water supply through Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) by 2024.

While allocating funds under JJM to States & UTs, 10% weightage has been given to the population affected by chemical contaminants including Arsenic. States/ UTs are advised to accord priority to quality-affected habitations. Further, States are also to provide interim relief in quality-affected habitations through community water purification plants (CWPP) to meet with drinking and cooking needs until potable water supply through tap connection is provided.

Under JJM, upto 2% of the allocation to States/ UTs can be utilized for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance activities (WQM&S) i.e. for setting up and strengthening of water quality testing laboratories, surveillance by community using field test kits (FTKs), awareness generation and educational programmes on water quality, etc.

In March 2017, National Water Quality Sub-Mission (NWQSM) was launched (now subsumed under JJM), with the aim to provide safe drinking water to 27,544 Arsenic/ Fluoride affected habitations in the country.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has stated that the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) launched by the Union Government on June 25, 2015, in selected 500 cities and towns across the country with focus on development of basic urban infrastructure in the Mission cities, *interalia* includes water supply. One of the key objectives of the Mission is to ensure that every household has access to a tap connection with assured supply of water and given first priority. Under AMRUT Mission, out of the total plan size of Rs.77,640 crore, Rs.39,010 crore (50%) has been allocated to water supply.

(c) District-wise details of Arsenic-affected rural habitations is at **Annexure**.

Annexure - referred in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 816 due for reply on 17.09.2020

District-wise details of Arsenic- affected rural habitations (as on 14.09.2020)

S. No.	State	District	Arsenic affected habitations
1.	Assam	Baksha	703
2.	Assam	Barpeta	196
3.	Assam	Darrang	15
4.	Assam	Dhemaji	49
5.	Assam	Dhubri	32
6.	Assam	Golaghat	98
7.	Assam	Jorhat	91
8.	Assam	Kokrajhar	4
9.	Assam	Lakhimpur	1
10.	Assam	Majuli	138
11.	Assam	Nalbari	513
12.	Assam	South SalmaraMancachar	13
13.	Bihar	Begusarai	104
14.	Bihar	Bhagalpur	32
15.	Bihar	Bhojpur	51
16.	Bihar	Buxar	41
17.	Bihar	Darbhanga	14
18.	Bihar	Katihar	51
19.	Bihar	Khagaria	11
20.	Bihar	Lakhisarai	33
21.	Bihar	Munger	4
22.	Bihar	Patna	3
23.	Bihar	Samastipur	10
24.	Bihar	Saran	11
25.	Bihar	Vaishali	40
26.	Jharkhand	Shaibganj	2
27.	Punjab	Amritsar	242
28.	Punjab	Fatehgarh Sahib	1
29.	Punjab	Fazilka	2
30.	Punjab	Firozepur	28
31.	Punjab	Gurudaspur	179
32.	Punjab	Hoshiyarpur	12
33.	Punjab	Kapurthala	5
34.	Punjab	Ludhiana	2
35.	Punjab	Moga	2
36.	Punjab	Patiala	15
37.	Punjab	Rupnagar	28
38.	Punjab	S A S Nagar	2
39.	Punjab	Sangrur	2
40.	Punjab	Taran Tarn	94

41.	Uttar Pradesh	Azamgarh	2
42.	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich	4
43.	Uttar Pradesh	Ballia	88
44.	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur	1
45.	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly	10
46.	Uttar Pradesh	Basti	7
47.	Uttar Pradesh	Budaun	4
48.	Uttar Pradesh	Deoria	5
49.	Uttar Pradesh	Gorakhpur	4
50.	Uttar Pradesh	Kushi Nagar	16
51.	Uttar Pradesh	Lakhimpur Kheri	13
52.	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	1
53.	Uttar Pradesh	Maharajganj	3
54.	Uttar Pradesh	Mau	1
55.	Uttar Pradesh	Sambhal	1
56.	Uttar Pradesh	Sant Kabeer Nagar	2
57.	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharth Nagar	2
58.	West Bengal	Bardhaman	25
59.	West Bengal	Hooghly	24
60.	West Bengal	Maldah	319
61.	West Bengal	Murshidabad	369
62.	West Bengal	Nadia	454
63.	West Bengal	North 24 Paraganas	185
64.	West Bengal	South 24 Paraganas	7