

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1469
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022

CONTAMINATION OF DRINKING WATER

1469. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the contamination of drinking water is increasing and the State Governments are unable to provide pure water due to lack of latest technologies and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed to give financial assistance to the States to update the outdated water purification technology with the best global practices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has sought technological/financial help from external agencies/sources; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) In recent years, Government has taken a number of steps to make provision of potable drinking water in quality-affected habitations, as reported by States/ UTs, the number of habitations with contaminants in drinking water sources beyond permissible limit, is coming down. Year-wise details are as under:

As on date	Number of rural habitations with contaminants in drinking water sources
01.04.2018	64,743
01.04.2019	57,539
01.04.2020	54,637
01.04.2021	36,054
06.02.2022	35,370

Government of India, in partnership with States/ UTs, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to provide potable tap water supply to every rural household by 2024 with an estimated outlay of 3.60 lakh Crore. Under JJM, financial assistance is provided to States/ UTs. While planning water supply schemes to provide tap water supply to households, priority is given to quality-affected habitations. States may decide appropriate water treatment technologies for treatment of water to provide potable water to households.

(d) & (e) For Jal Jeevan Mission, this Department has not sought any assistance from external agencies.
