

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WATER CRISIS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tsunami effect is still haunting scores of habitations in Prakasam District in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether people living in the coastal villages of Andhra Pradesh are not able to get drinking water as groundwater has become polluted with increased salt content; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the salt content in the ground water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) Ground water contamination has been reported in coastal villages of Andhra Pradesh after the Tsunami. Total dissolved solids in excess of permissible limit (more than 1200 parts per million) has been reported from 47 drinking sources in 6 coastal districts including Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken following measures in the affected areas to mitigate drinking water problem:-

- (i) Transportation of water from safe source.
- (ii) Flushing of bore wells.
- (iii) Filter Points.
- (iv) Repairs & Augmentation of sources.
- (v) Ring wells.
- (vi) Repairs to distribution mains pipe lines and public taps.
- (vii) Replacement of filter media, and
- (viii) Cleaning of drinking water tanks etc.