

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004
UTILISATION OF GROUND WATER BY SOFTDRINK COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Ground Water Board has undertaken a probe in to the extent of utilisation of ground water by soft drink manufacturing companies in various parts of the country following a directive by the consultative committee of Ministry of Water Resources;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof and the action proposed to be taken if any, against the companies;
- (c) whether the use of ground water by multinational companies is causing alarming decline in ground water level; and
- (d) if so, the remedial measures envisaged by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.2 FOR REPLY ON 05.07.2004 REGARDING UTILISATION OF GROUND WATER BY SOFTDRINK COMPANIES

(a) & (b) As a follow up action of the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources held on 21st August, 2003, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) had approached the State Governments for collecting information on ground water usages by softdrink manufacturing companies in various parts of the country. In response, information has been received in respect of 20 number of softdrink units located in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. A statement indicating the location and average monthly ground water utilisation by these units is enclosed at Annexure.

(c) & (d) Declining trends in water level in the range of 0.1 m/year to 1.7 m/year has been observed in and around 5 softdrink units located in Kheda, Motibhoyan, Ahmedabad area in Gujarat State and Chomu and Jaipur areas in Rajasthan State. This declining trend cannot be attributed only to ground water withdrawal by softdrink manufacturing companies. The substantial declining trend is a cumulative effect of ground water withdrawal for irrigation, domestic and industrial purposes also.

Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to take remedial steps to check over-exploitation of ground water. The following remedial measures are also envisaged in this regard by the Central Government:-

- (i) Regulation of ground water withdrawal.
- (ii) Adopting artificial recharge.
- (iii) Treatment and recycling of industrial waste water.

ANNEXURE

(REFERENCE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 2 DATED 05.07.2004)

Sl. No.	Name of Soft Drink manufacturing Company	Location	Average monthly ground water utilization (Kilolitres)
1.	Hindustan Coca Cola Moula	Ali, Hyderabad,	Nil

	Bottling	South East	Pvt.	Andhra Pradesh	
	Ltd.				
2.	Hindustan	Coca	Cola	Ameenpur, Ranga Reddy,	Nil
	Bottling	South East	Pvt.	Andhra Pradesh	
	Ltd				
3.	Narmada	Drinks	Pvt. Ltd.	Builaspur, Chhattisgarh	2345.5
	(Coca Cola)				
4.	Chhattisgarh	Beverages		Urla, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Nil
	(Pepsi)				
5.	Hindustan	Coca	Cola	Goblej, Kheda, Gujarat	28500
	Beverages	Pvt. Ltd.			
6.	Surbi	Milkfoods	&	Village Motibhoyan, Kalol,	9900
	Beverages	Ltd.	(Coca	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	
	Cola)				
7.	Pepsico	India	Holdings	Naroda, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	2340
	Pvt. Ltd.				
8.	Pepsico	India	Holdings	Jhagadia, Bharuch, Gujarat	Nil
	Pvt. Ltd.				
9.	Pepsico	India	Holding	Nelamanagala, Bangalore,	30600
	Pvt. Ltd.			Karnataka	
10.	Pepsico			Bangalore Mysore Road,	7170
				Karnataka	
11.	Hindustan	Coca	Cola	Bangalore, Karnataka	4200
	Beverages	Pvt. Ltd.			
12.	Coca Cola			Plachimada, Palakkad,	15000
				Kerala	
13.	Pepsi Cola			Palghat distt., Kerala	Nil
14.	Coca Cola			Pilookhedi, Distt.	Nil
				Rajgarh, Madya Pradesh	
15.	Tripty	Drinks (p)	Ltd.	Jagatpur, Cuttak, Orissa	6000
	(Franchise of Pepsi)				
16.	Hindustan	Coca	Cola	Khurda, Orissa	Nil
	Beverages	(p) Ltd.,			
17.	Hindustan	Coca	Cola	Chomu, Jaipur, Rajasthan	16,500
	Beverages	(P) Ltd.			
18.	Jai	Drinks	Pvt. Ltd.	Jaipur, Rajasthan	6300
	(Pepsi)				
19.	Hindustan	Coca	Cola	Dasna, Tehsil Hapur,	75000
	Beverages	Pvt. Ltd.		Ghaziabaad, Uttar Pradesh	
20.	Diamond	Beverages	(Coca	Kolkata, West Bengal	4380
	Cola)				