

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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EFFECT OF POLLUTED GROUND WATER

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the study recently conducted by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) have found that at least one-third of the districts in the country have polluted ground water which adversely affect the health of human beings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to maintain the quality of ground water?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) As per information received from Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), CGWB has not carried out any such study which indicates that at least one-third of the districts of the country have polluted ground water. Analytical results of ground water samples collected from the network of observation wells of Central Ground Water Board indicate that ground water in major part of the country is potable and is also suitable for domestic, industrial and irrigation applications.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.