

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:126

ANSWERED ON:05.03.2010

CONTAMINATED WATER

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

- (a) whether the consumption of contaminated water causes various types of diseases, some of which are fatal;
- (b) if so, the number of deaths reported as a result thereof since 2008, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether any action plan has been chalked out to control/minimize deaths due to the contaminated water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the budgetary allocation & utilization of resources for the prevention and control of diseases caused thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 126 FOR 5TH MARCH, 2010

(a): Yes, Madam. Consumption of contaminated water causes water-borne diseases such as Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases, Cholera, Typhoid and Viral Hepatitis.

(b): The number of deaths reported State-wise on account of Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases, Cholera, Typhoid and Viral Hepatitis for the years 2008 and 2009, is given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): Provision of safe drinking water is the main strategy for controlling/minimizing deaths caused due to contaminated water. The responsibility for providing safe drinking water lies with the State Governments. However, the Department of Drinking Water Supply under the Ministry of Rural Development assists the State Governments in supplying safe drinking water under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Besides, the Department of Drinking Water Supply has also launched the Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Programme to educate rural communities regarding safe and clean drinking water and carry out tests to determine the quality of drinking water.

National Centre for Disease Control(NCDC) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issues technical guidelines from time to time to the State Governments on prevention and control of water-borne diseases and helps them in carrying out investigation of outbreaks of such diseases under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP).

(e): As per the information available, the allocation and utilisation of funds for supply of safe drinking water under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme(NRDWP) and for early detection of and rapid response to outbreaks of diseases including water-borne diseases under IDSP for 2008-09 and 2009-10 are given below:-

(Rs. in crores)

Scheme	2008-09	2009-10	Allocation	Utilisation	Allocation	Utilisation
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NRDWP	6896.72	6544.89	6899.96	3255.38#		
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