

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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DEATHS DUE TO CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of deaths have occurred due to use of contaminated drinking water in the country; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of persons died as a result thereof during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per the information available, the number of deaths reported to have occurred due to consumption of contaminated drinking water during the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 are given in Annexure. As the year 2009 is only half way through, the figures for this year can be expected to be available only after the close of the year.

Annexure

No. of deaths reported to have occurred due to consumption of contaminated drinking water during 2006, 2007 and 2008 are as follows:

Years	Viral Hepatitis	Cholera	Acute diarrhoeal disease	Enteric Fever (Typhoid)
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2006	694	3	3176	658
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2007	544	3	3603	452
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*2008	510	1	2841	338
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\* The figures are provisional.