

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER GUIDELINES NO.
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) has launched an updated edition of drinking water guidelines;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has adopted the new WHO guidelines on safe drinking water at all levels from household rainwater harvesting to bulk water supply systems for urban habitations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a): World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued the 4th edition of Guidelines for Drinking water Quality in July 2011. These are guidelines, and different countries should take into account their particular socio-cultural, environmental and economic circumstances in establishing national standards/regulations.

(b) & (c): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is responsible for standardization, marking and quality certification of goods etc. BIS has published the Indian Standard Drinking Water Specification IS: 10500-1991 which is the standard in India. The Manual on Water Supply & Treatment (1999) published by the Ministry also gives guidelines for physical and chemical parameters as per WHO guidelines 1993.