

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CHILDREN FALLING IN BOREWELLS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of incidents of children falling into borewells in the country; and
- (b) the remedial measures taken by the Government at the administrative level to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

- (a) As per information received from the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Haryana and Kerala, 10 incidents of children falling into borewells have been reported.
- (b) State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Tamil Nady, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and West Bengal have issued instructions to the concerned agencies to adopt safety measures such as the closure of abandoned wells after filling and also making of provision to cap them.