

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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SAFE WATER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study/survey has been conducted to assess the demographical area of the country contaminated with unsafe water unfit for human consumption;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. The Central Water Commission has carried out studies in the relevant areas on surface water whereas Central Ground Water Board conduct studies on ground water. In addition Central Pollution Control Board and NIH regularly carry out studies/surveys for water quality assessment in the country.
- (b) Details of areas of the country where surface water and ground water is contaminated and is unsafe for human consumption are given in Annexure-I & II.
- (c) Corrective/ remedial steps are being undertaken by the concerned State agencies. However, Ministry of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation assist the State Governments in the supply of safe drinking water under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Besides, the Ministry of Drinking water and Sanitation 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.