

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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GROUNDWATER UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that groundwater is unfit for human use and also for drinking purpose in some areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for each State including Haryana; and
- (c) the steps being taken to correct the situation in future?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As per ground water quality data generated by Central Ground Water Board during the course of Ground Water Regime Monitoring and various scientific studies like Ground Water Management Studies, Ground Water Exploration and Special studies, updated upto the year 2010, contamination of ground water due to salinity, fluoride, iron, arsenic, nitrate and heavy metals has been reported from isolated pockets in various parts of the country. State-wise details of districts including the State of Haryana from where ground water contamination has been reported from isolated pockets are given in Annexure I.

(c) The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation provides financial assistance to State Governments under the centrally sponsored scheme 'Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)'. Under ARWSP, upto 20% of the allotted funds can be utilized to tackle water quality problems.