

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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DISEASES DUE TO CONTAMINATED WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of large number of people living next to landfill sites suffering from various diseases including gastroenteritis and skin infections due to contaminated ground water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the relationship between the quality of ground water in the vicinity of landfill sites and the general health of people living there;
- (d) if so, whether locations near the landfill site have shown high concentration of total dissolved solids (TDS) exceeding their desirable limit; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to help suffering people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): No such information is available.

(c) to (e): As reported by Central Ground Water Board, Ministry of Water Resources no such study to ascertain the relationship between the quality of ground water in the vicinity of landfill sites and the general health of people has been carried out. However, studies on ground water contamination in the vicinity of landfill sites in Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mohali and Chennai have shown that total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration in excess of desirable limit of 500 mg/ litre has been reported from a few sites.