

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5643
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NATIONAL DRINKING WATER POLICY
Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether problem of drinking water in India is getting worse day by day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate a national drinking water policy to deal with it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Large parts of India have already become water stressed. Rapid growth in demand for water due to population growth, urbanization and changing lifestyle pose serious challenges to water security.

(c) & (d) There is presently no proposal to formulate a separate National Drinking Water policy since policy issues regarding drinking water are already covered in National Water Policy.