

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:421
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URANIUM IN GROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from States to undertake remedial measures to curb the problem of uranium contamination in ground water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS) has received a proposal for assessment of Uranium contamination in drinking water from the State Government of Punjab. MoDWS has released Rs.3.80 crore in January, 2011 for testing of Uranium contamination in drinking water sources in all the affected districts in Punjab. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has been assisting Government of Punjab in testing contamination of Uranium in drinking water.

Further, an Expert Committee consisting of specialists from Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Government of Punjab has been constituted to finalize technological interventions for uranium removal in drinking water sources. A list of possible actions to deal with the problem have been sent to Government of Punjab.