

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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URANIUM IN GROUNDWATER

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether reasons for the high uranium content in waters in Punjab and its source has been identified; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b) Uranium may be present in the environment of Punjab as a result of leaching from natural deposits, combustion of coal and other fuels and also the use of phosphate fertilizers that contain uranium. However, as per information available from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, the exact reason for occurrence of uranium in Punjab has not yet been established.