

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION IN GROUNDWATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) continuously monitors the chemical contents of groundwater through the Ground Water Observation Wells every year;
- (b) if so, the details of the ground water observation wells set up by the Board, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by CGWB to disseminate information to the States on its findings so as to reduce the chemical contents of groundwater?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) under the Ministry of Water Resources regularly monitors ground water quality of shallow aquifers on regional scale once every year during April / May through a network of 10714 observation wells located throughout the Country.
- (b) The State-wise details of ground water observation wells being monitored for ground water quality by the CGWB are given in Annexure.
- (c) CGWB disseminates its findings to State Governments and user agencies on ground water quality through Ground Water Year Book compiled on an annual basis. The chemical quality monitoring data of the last five years is also available on the web site of CGWB. Besides, CGWB has issued a report on "Ground Water Quality in Shallow Aquifers of India" in the year 2010, a copy of which was also distributed to all the State Governments.