

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has drawn any contingency plan to tide-over the shortage of drinking water in Delhi, especially in view of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the norms/criteria for supply of drinking water in the National Capital Territory(NCT) of Delhi;
- (d) the estimated demand and actual supply of drinking water in NCT of Delhi during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (e) the extent and reasons for shortage of water in the different areas of NCT of Delhi; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to augment the supply of drinking water in Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a) to (f) : The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD)/Delhi Jal Board(DJB) has informed as follows:

1) The criteria/norms adopted for drinking water supply are (a) for slum/rural resettlement colonies @ 135 Liters Per Capita Per Day(LPCD) & (b) for urban area @ 225 LPCD.

2) The estimated demand and actual supply of drinking water in NCT of Delhi in each of the last three years and the current year is as under:

Figures in Million Gallons Per Day (MGD)

2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Demand	Supply	Demand	Supply	Demand	Supply	Demand	Supply
850	700	950	740	950	800	950	approx. 820

3) The extent of shortfall is approx. 130 MGD of the total requirement and the reason for shortfall is the rapid growth of city and the consequent increase in population, and also due to the constraints in getting additional raw water from the neighbouring states.

4) Various short-term and long-term measures have been taken to enhance the water availability in Delhi. These include construction of independent lined canal from Munak to Haiderpur, construction of recycling plants, water treatment plants, underground reservoirs/booster pumping stations, improving transmission network, compulsory rainwater harvesting, development of additional tube-wells in the National Capital Region, additional allocation from surplus Ravi-Beas water, construction of upstream storage projects etc. DJB has also taken up work of construction of Water Treatment Plant at Commonwealth Games Village Complex and work is scheduled for completion by January 2010.