

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEATHS DUE TO CONTAMINATED DRINKING WATER

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of deaths due to health problems caused by consumption of contaminated drinking water have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the financial and technical assistance provided to the States/ UTs to effectively respond to health problems arising from consumption of contaminated drinking water in the country; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being take by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): Consumption of contaminated drinking water can cause diseases such as Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases, Enteric Fever (Typhoid), Viral Hepatitis, Cholera and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES).

State/UT-wise number of deaths due to Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases, Enteric Fever (Typhoid), Viral Hepatitis, Cholera and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), as reported by State/UT Governments, during the years 2010-2013 are given in Annexures – I to V.

(c) & (d): Health is a state subject and the responsibility for providing healthcare facilities to patients primarily lies with the respective State Governments. However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides financial and technical assistance to State/UT Governments under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for strengthening of primary and secondary health care facilities to effectively respond to health care needs including health problems arising from consumption of contaminated drinking water. The financial assistance for this purpose is provided under NRHM Flexipool as per the needs of States/UTs which are reflected in their annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). State/UT-wise release and utilization of funds under NRHM Flexipool during the last three financial years and current year are enclosed at Annexure – VI.

Further, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi, provides technical assistance to State/UT Governments on prevention and control of water-borne diseases in carrying out investigation of outbreaks of such diseases under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP). At the national level, NCDC also coordinates laboratory support for outbreak investigations besides conducting regular training courses for development of trained manpower.