

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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AMMONIA IN RIVER WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any shortage of potable water in the country due to the increase in the level of ammonia in river water and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to take any special measures to address the said issue of shortage of potable water shortage in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) Water supply is a State subject. Other than the information about complaint received in Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB) about apparent increase in Ammonia level at upstream of Wazirabad effecting the water supply in Delhi, the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) is not aware of any other report from States on the said account.
- (b)&(c) Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that the raw water for Wazirabad and Chandrawal Water Treatment Plants(WTPs) is lifted from Wazirabad pond by DJB for supply of potable water to Delhi. Any pollution in river water upstream therefore impacts upon availability of potable water in Delhi. Further, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation(MoDW&S) has also informed that the States have not reported ground water contamination due to Ammonia. In the urban areas, the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) provides assistance through Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT).
- (d) Does not arise in view of above.