

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PURITY TEST OF DRINKING WATER BY MCD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Municipal Corporation of Delhi has recently conducted any purity test of drinking water in the NCT of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that 70 percent of drinking water is found to be contaminated with sewage water in Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the concerned authorities for supplying harmful water?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The Delhi Jal Board is the agency for supplying safe drinking water in various parts of National Capital Territory of Delhi. However, the Public Health Department of South, North and East Delhi Municipal Corporations also tests water samples for presence of free chlorine in drinking water under its jurisdiction, which is an on-going process.

Water tested for free chlorine and found positive is considered fit for drinking. The results of tests conducted by Delhi Municipal Corporations from 01.01.2014 to 30.11.2014 are as under :-

Free Chlorine Test Report
Sample lifted 16308 11670 12884
Found Positive 15612 10903 12879
Found Negative 696 767 05
Bacteriological Test Report
Sample tested 241 3478 8179
Found Fit 139 2942 8179
Found Unfit 102 536 0

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The Delhi Jal Board has informed that it supplies drinking water in NCT of Delhi from all available sources (Surface water and underground water) conforming to the standards laid down by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation and also by the Bureau of Indian Standards elucidated in I:S 10500:2012. It conducts its own in-house test of the quality of treated water and ground water through plant laboratories round the clock and six zonal labs set up all over Delhi. As and when there is any complaint of quality contamination of water, the same is attended on priority basis. Sometimes, the cause of contamination is due to old service pipelines of residents. On an average, 43,083 water samples were lifted and tested during the period September, 2014 to November, 2014 and only 1.24% water samples were found unsatisfactory. Delhi Jal Board also provides treated /filtered water through its tankers to the consumers till the problem of contaminated water, if any, is resolved.