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Ghantel Somasi Water Augmentation Scheme of Rajasthan

7423 SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has sent the Ghantel Somasi Water Augmentation Scheme to the Union government for approval;
- (b) if so, when and the action taken thereon:
- (c) whether the water in 80% villages of Churu Tehsil of Rajasthan is not fit for drinking purposes:
- (d) if so, the time by which the Government propose to provide drinking water to these villages:
- (e) whether the Union Government have approved some plants for making saline water potable in churu Tehsil and if so, the details thereof: and
 - (f) the number of villages benefited under Technology Mission on Drinking Water

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL); (a) Yes.

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in Raiasthan?

- (b) Technical approval of the Central Government was conveyed for the scheme to the State Government on April 9, 1992.
- (c) The ground water in certain villages of Churu Tehsil contains high Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), However, potable water is supplied to the villages after proper treatment. Except 44 villages, and other villages in churu Tehsil have been covered fully or partially with safe drinking water facilities.
- (d) The remaining No source problem villages are likely to be provided safe drinking water facilities by 31st March, 1993. For this purpose, special assistance has been given to the state government for implementing the various schemes.
- (e) the Union government have approived nine Reverse Osmosis desalination plants for providing potable drinking water in the following villages in Churu Tehsil:-

SI. N	lo. Name of the Village	Capacity of the plant (m3-1000 literes day)	Commission- ing date	Remarks
1.	Maharavansar	10	21.2.90	
2.	Rabiya	20	20.2.90	Plants are
3.	Khandwapatta Churu	20	19.2.90	running regular-
4.	Khandwapatta Jhariya	10	19.2.90	ly.
5.	Sirsali	20	23.3.90	

SI. No. Name of the Village		Capacity of the plant (m3-1000 literes day)	Commission- ing date	Remarks
6.	Lalasarpatta Rajpuria	20	16.3.90	
7.	Lohasonachhota	20	21.8.90	
8.	Lohasonabadda	30	19.3.91	•
9.	Jori Patta Satya	20	29.11.91	

(f) Safe drinking water facilities are provided under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and mini missions under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission. Out of 7310 No source problem villages as on 1.4.85, 7208 problem villages have been provided safe drinking water facilities upto the end of February, 1992. The remaining No Source problem villages are likely to be covered by 31st March, 1993.

Accidents in Mines

7424 SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of mine accidents occured in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the number of labourers killed in such accidents:
- (c) the amount given as Compensations to the families of the deceased; and
 - (d) the measures being taken by the

government to check mine accidents in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

- (c) Payment of compensation by the mangement to the next of kin of the deceased is regulated under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 which is administered by the respective State Governments/Union Terriotry's Administrations. Information on this aspect is not maintained by the Ministry of Labour.
- (d) Provisions for safety of persons employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and the rules and the regulations framed there under. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mine managements, the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety inspect the mines form time to time in order to check compliance of the statutory provisions by the mine mangements and take appropriate action under the Mines Act, 1952 against the persons responsible for violating the provisions of the Act.