

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1308  
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001  
FLOURINE IN WATER  
M.H. AMBAREESH

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether water borne diseases have caused havoc in many parts of the country due to presence of fluorine contents in water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district- wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to extend financial assistance to the State Govts. to overcome the problem?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, high levels of fluoride in ground water has been observed in certain parts of various districts in the country. A statement indicating names of States and districts where ground water has been found contaminated with fluoride is enclosed.

(c) The provision of drinking water supply is the responsibility of the State Governments. Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission under the Ministry of Rural Development has been assisting and guiding the States in the provision of safe drinking water to the rural population under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, and exclusive Sub-Missions in areas having serious ground water quality problems like Fluoride. In such quality affected areas, where ground water is unfit for drinking, the safe drinking water is supplied either through alternative sources, tapping surface water or by other means by undertaking remedial measures like de-fluoridation. In urban areas, the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation assists the States for the provision of safe drinking water.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) & (b) F LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1308 DATE 26.11.2001

STATE-WISE NAMES OF DISTRICTS WHERE GROUND WATER HAS BEEN FOUND CONTAMINATED WITH FLUORIDE

STATE            DISTRICTS

Andhra Pradesh    Prakasam, Nellore, Anantapur, Nalgonda, Ranga Reddy, Adilabad  
Assam                Karbi Anglong, Nowgaon  
Bihar                 Giridih, Jamui, Dhanbad

(including  
Jharkhand)

Gujarat             Kachch, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Ahmedabad,            Mehsana,            Banaskantha,  
                         Sabarkantha, Panchmahal, Kheda

Haryana             Rohtak, Jind, Hissar, Bhiwani, Mahendragarh, Faridabad

Karnataka           Tumkur, Kolar, Bangalore, Gulbarga, Bellary, Raichur

Kerala                Palghat

Madhya Pradesh    Bhind, Morena, Guna, Jhabua,

(including            Chhindwara, Seoni, Mandla, Raipur,  
Chhattisgarh)        Vidisha

Maharashtra        Bhandara, Chandrapur, Nanded, Aurangabad

Orissa                Bolangir

Punjab                Ludhiana, Faridkot, Bhatinda, Sangrur, Jalandhar, Amritsar

Rajasthan           Barmer, Bikaner, Ganganagar, Jalore, Nagaur, Pali, Sirohi

Tamil Nadu           Dharmapuri, Salem, North Arcot, Villupuram Tiruchirappalli, Pudukkottai

Uttar Pradesh        Bulandshahar, Aligarh, Agra, Unnao, Rae-Bareilly

West Bengal           Birbhum

NCT of Delhi           City, Shahdra & Mehrauli Blocks

