

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CRISIS OF POTABLE WATER IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been grave crisis of potable water in several areas of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details of those areas and the months during which these areas have remained affected by this crises separately;
- (c) the reasons therefor;
- (d) the demand of potable water in Delhi and the quantum of water actually being supplied; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of potable water?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(c): No, Sir. Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has reported that only some of the areas/pockets which are at the tail end of the distribution system and are located at higher elevation get comparatively less water supply. The water supply in these areas is being supplemented through water tankers.

(d): The water demand for Delhi is about 828 Million Gallons per day (MGD) against which Delhi Jal Board is producing on an average about 670 MGD of water leaving a shortfall of about 158 MGD.

(e): DJB is taking various short-term and long-term measures to meet the shortage of water in Delhi. The short-term measures include provision of additional tube wells, improvement of existing water lines and laying of new lines, rationalization and improvement of water supply distribution system, deployment of water tankers etc. The long-term measures to meet the shortage of water include the provision of 140 MGD Water Treatment Plant to be set up at Sonia Vihar and to be completed by March, 2004. Water treatment plants at Bawana (20 MGD), Dwarka (40 MGD) and Okhla (20 MGD) have been planned to be completed in about 3 years. 100 tube wells in flood plains have been planned. Recycling of the waste water generated at the existing plants would add about 41 MGD to the existing capacity.