

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER QUALITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to institutionalise water quality monitoring and surveillance system;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government is providing any Central assistance for setting up stationary as well as mobile water testing laboratories in all district headquarters;
- (c) if so, the details of such laboratories set up in Orissa/Maharashtra/Uttar Pradesh alongwith funds provided by the Union Government to the State Governments during the last three years for the purpose; and
- (d) the guidelines issued by the Union Government to the State Governments for routine analysis of water samples for their physico-chemical and microbial quality?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) Yes Sir, It is proposed to institutionalize rural water quality monitoring and surveillance by involving grass root level workers of Gram Panchayat/Village Water & Sanitation Committee, District water quality testing laboratories and the State Level laboratory for testing quality of all drinking water sources in the country. Department of Health at all levels will be involved actively for water quality surveillance and joint sanitary survey activities.
- (b) As per existing norms, Central Government provides assistance upto Rs. 4 lakh for establishing new district level water quality testing laboratory. No mobile laboratories are being sanctioned now.
- (c) In Orissa, during the last 3 years, 17 out of 18 district water quality-testing laboratories have been set up with the assistance provided by Government of India. An amount of Rs. 36 lakh has been released, as second installment during March, 2005. In Maharashtra, during the last 3 years, no district water quality- testing laboratories have been sanctioned by the Central Government.
- (d) Operational Manual and Executive Guidelines for Implementation of Water Quality Testing laboratories have been issued in May, 1990 and are available on the web-site at www.ddws.nic.in.