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WASTAGE OF WATER DUE TO LEAKAGE

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge quantity of drinking water is wasted due to leakage in water distribution system of Delhi Jal Board resulting in shortage of water in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the estimated leakage of water alongwith its causes and action taken in this regard;
- (c) the places where water leakage has been detected in the year 2005 till date;
- (d) whether the Water pipelines in Delhi have exceeded their life; and
- (e) if so, since when these pipelines are there and by when the Government intends to change them?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(e): The Delhi Jal Board DJB has informed that against a total production of 675 million gallons per day (mgd) of water, about 80 mgd of water seeps through the distribution system of about 9000 kms. The main points for leakages are the service connections by the consumers and unauthorised use of online boosters.

The seepage has been reported from different places all over Delhi. Regular inspections are carried out by Delhi Jal Board on daily basis to detect and plug leakages. A dedicated Leak Detection Cell functions for prevention, detection and repair of leakages.

As regards the longevity of the pipelines, it has been informed that the pipelines are 40-50 years old. The longevity of the pipelines depends upon a number of factors including preventive maintenance.