

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WATER SHORTAGE IN GOVERNMENT COLONIES

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether almost all the Government colonies in Delhi receive water supply twice a day;
- (b) if so, the criteria laid down for providing water supply in the Government colonies in Delhi;
- (c) whether the CPWD colony, Vasant Vihar, receives water supply only once daily for just about 15-20 minutes;
- (d) if so, whether this colony faces acute water shortage;
- (e) if so, whether the supply is made through tankers which provide only half the stipulated quantity which is also found to be contaminated;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against the erring CPWD officials in this regard;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to lay additional/new pipelines for regular supply of water in this area;
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (i) whether frequent complaints in this regard have fallen on deaf ears; and
- (j) if so, the concrete measures proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve this long pending issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b): All Government colonies in Delhi receive water supply twice a day normally. The water supply is made by Delhi Jal Board(DJB)/concerned local bodies.

(c)to(e): In order to meet water shortage in CPWD colony in Vasant Vihar, Delhi Jal Board provides bulk water supply of 250-350 KL per day as per availability against the daily requirement of 900 KL approximately. During this summer DJB supplied 10% to 15% of the total requirement during July to August. The filter water supply given by DJB is potable and meets the standard norms.

The ground strata are such that very little water is available and there is general draw down in ground water level in Delhi due to pumping of sub-soil water.

Water tankers, whenever required, are arranged by CPWD which is done from DJB only, and water supply is measured through a meter installed near the underground sump for making payments.

(f): Does not arise.

(g)&(h): No, Sir. The existing pipelines are adequate to distribute water properly.

(i)&(j): No, Sir. Concrete steps have been taken to augment water availability in the area. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) gave permission for boring another two tube wells but the first boring up to 550 feet has given little yield due to receding of water table in the area. Therefore, work on second tube well was not started.

Experts surveyed the area using the Sonography method and with their recommendations CPWD bored one new tube well in August, 2005, with the approval of Central Ground Water authority. Even this tube well is giving a yield of only about 30 KL per day.

DJB proposes to augment the filtered water supply to the colony after full commissioning of 140 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Sonia Vihar.