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Title: Regarding arsenic content in ground water in Hooghly Parliamentary Constituency of West Bengal.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Sir, even after 65 years of Independence, the quality of ground water has not improved due to excessive mining, industrialization and scant regard to disposal of wastes. Bolagarh is one of the Assembly constituencies of Hooghly Constituency in West Bengal, which is my constituency. Bolagarh has reported heavy contamination of the ground water with arsenic content. Hon. Minister has stated in his response to the Starred Question No.2 dated 22nd November, 2012 that remedial measures are considered in providing alternative sources of water supply. I think, this is not the right approach to the arsenic content in the ground water.

I would urge the hon. Minister through you to please address the arsenic content in the ground water in West Bengal and help those suffered with it.