

**Survey on sanitation in rural areas**

1613. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to undertake a nationwide survey in rural areas to assess the actual sanitation situation on the ground;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has engaged Quality Council of India to carry out the survey;
- (c) whether objective behind the survey was to create greater awareness among people and also push competition among villages to improve their sanitation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The objective of the survey was mainly to assess the sanitation coverage and toilet usage.

**Waterborne diseases due to contaminated drinking water**

1614. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deaths reported due to waterborne diseases during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) which are the ten States with most contaminated drinking water; and
- (c) what specific steps are being taken by Government to improve the water quality in these States, details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) Disease and death surveillance including that due to water borne diseases is the mandate of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). As per the National Health profile reports published by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence under the MHFW, the number