

Arsenic contamination in drinking water in U.P.

2736. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1307 given in the Rajya Sabha on dated 30th July, 2018 and state:

(a) the source of the data which states that 5,73,767 persons have been affected by Arsenic contamination in drinking water in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is aware that in Ballia and Lakhimpur Kheri districts only of Uttar Pradesh, more than 40 lakh population is affected due to Arsenic contamination in drinking water;

(c) if so, the rationale of such data; and

(d) the details of persons affected due to Arsenic contamination in drinking water in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI): (a) As reported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 25.07.2018, there were 5,73,767 people are affected by arsenic in 17 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) to (d) District-wise number of people affected by arsenic contamination in drinking water as reported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 01.01.2019 is given in Statement.

Statement

District-wise number of people affected by arsenic contamination in drinking water as reported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 01.01.2019

| Sl. No. | Name of the District | Number of people affected by Arsenic |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Ambedkar Nagar | 5,461 |
| 2. | Azamgarh | 1,129 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-------|-------------------|----------|
| 3. | Bahraich | 2,77,623 |
| 4. | Ballia | 1,79,845 |
| 5. | Balrampur | 2,770 |
| 6. | Basti | 7,531 |
| 7. | Deoria | 8,434 |
| 8. | Gorakhpur | 14,704 |
| 9. | Kheri | 26,260 |
| 10. | Kushi Nagar | 17,511 |
| 11. | Lucknow | 747 |
| 12. | Maharajganj | 4,667 |
| 13. | Mau | 7,845 |
| 14. | Sambhal | 1,975 |
| 15. | Sant Kabeer Nagar | 10,629 |
| 16. | Siddharth Nagar | 4,873 |
| 17. | Sonbhadra | 872 |
| TOTAL | | 5,72,882 |

Ground water pollution in U.P.

†2737. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a survey under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the ground water in majority of districts of Uttar Pradesh has been found to be toxic in tests and rural people are forced to consume it through taps and suffer from various types of diseases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are many districts where ground water happened to be fit for drinking but has now become polluted;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.