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**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. That the present OA has been registered by exercising suo moto jurisdiction based on the newspaper report published in Hindustan under the heading “Arsenic found in groundwater in 25 States, fluoride in 27 States: Govt.” vide order dated 22.12.2023 the U.T. Delhi through Chief Secretary was impleaded as a party and this Hon’ble Tribunal had directed the Respondents to file their response.
2. That in this regard the Deputy Secretary (Water), Govt. NCT of Delhi has referred the subject matter to Delhi Jal Board being the competent authority dealing with the ground water and has requested to file compliance of order dated 22.12.2023 before this Hon’ble Tribunal.
3. That Delhi Jal Board has a Quality wing and random ground water samples are collected from different Tubewells existing in various areas of Delhi for checking the content of Fluoride & Arsenic. The results are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Lab	Command Areas	Total no of tubewells collected and tested	Tubewells in which Arsenic Found beyond permissible limit	Tubewells in which Fluoride found beyond permissible limited
1	Central Lab, Wazirabad	North and central Delhi & rural North	262	Not Detected in samples	0
2	Zonal Lab, Okhla	South Delhi	63	Need time of 5 months for procurement of kits & allied units for testing	0
3	Zonal Lab, Tahirpur, Dilshad Garden	Trans Yamuna Area (East & North East Delhi)	258	-do-	4
4	Zonal Lab, Haiderpur	West Delhi and Rural North & West	59	Not Detected in samples	5
5	Zonal Lab, Greater Kailash (RWS)	Rural South West Delhi	434	Need time of 5 Months for procurement of kits & allied units for testing	3
6	Zonal Lab, Nangloi	Najafgarh Zone & Nangloi Area	70	-do-	11
7	Zonal Lab, Dwarka	South West Delhi	54	-do-	1
8	Zonal Lab, Bawana	Narela, Bawana, North West Delhi	56	-do-	34

4. That the location of tubewells in which the fluoride have been found beyond the permissible limits are as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Lab	Command Areas	Tube wells in which Fluoride found beyond permissible limit	Areas / Tube wells in which Fluoride found beyond permissible limit
1	Zonal Lab, Tahirpur, Dilshad Garden	Trans Yamuna Area (East & North East Delhi)	4	In side STP Kondli WB Block Shakarpur

				Tahirpur Nursery Sonia Vihar TW No. A – 13
2	Zonal Lab, Haiderpur	West Delhi and Rural North & West	5	TW No. 1 Keshopur TW A Block, Shyam Nagar TW E Block, Ravi Nagar TW G Block Park Rajouri Garden TW K Block Fateh Nagar
3	Zonal Lab, Greater Kailash (RWS)	Rural South West Delhi	3	TW Bijwasan BSES Johar Walla TW Bal Vatika ,Govindpuri Badarpur TW Near Masjid Badarpur
4	Zonal Lab, Nangloi	Najafgarh Zone &Nangloi Area	11	TW No. 21 Dichoun Kalan (TehlanShamshan Ghat) TW No. 22 Jharoda Village (Mahila ground) TW No. 23 Jharoda Village (Main Jharoda rd.) TW No. 24 Jharoda Village (Near Mungeshpur Drain) TW No. 25 Jharoda Village (Near Mungeshpur Drain) TW No. 27 Jharoda Village (Daher Tube well) TW No. 28 Jharoda Village (KairMundella) TW no.8, Paprvat Village TW no.4, Pandawalan Kalan village TW no.2, Pandawalan Kalan village TW no.27 & 10, Dhansa
5	Zonal Lab, Dwarka	South West Delhi	1	TW Near CRPF Flats Kakrola
6	Zonal Lab, Bawana	Narela, Bawana, North West Delhi	34	TW no.5, Khera Khurd TW no.7, Khera Khurd TW no.9, Khera Khurd TW no.4, Bakner TW no.8, Bakner TW Bakner Ghonda road, MCD park Bakner Community Centre Pocket 7, A-10, Narela No. 1 Pocket 7, A-10, Narela No. 4 Pocket 7, A-10, Narela No. 2 Purani JE Store , TW Gandhi Ashram Road, Neal ML School Ravidas Mandir, Gandhi Ashram Road Tikri Dispensary Tikri Community Hall Block C No. 6, Narela Swarn Jayanti Vihar Block B No. 4, Narela Swarn Jayanti Vihar Swarn Jayanti Vihar, D-6

				Swarn Jayanti Vihar, D-3 Punjabi Colony Near MLA Office Bakner TW No. 3 Holambi Kalan Phase - II Bawana TW No. 18 Bawana TW No. 19 Bawana TW No. 21 Bawana TW No. 22 Iradat Nagar, TW No. 6 Iradat Nagar, TW No. 7 Iradat Nagar, TW No. 8 Iradat Nagar, TW No. 11 Iradat Nagar, TW No. 17 Iradat Nagar, TW No. 2- New Iradat Nagar, TW No. 3- New Iradat Nagar, TW No. 4- New
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5. That the Delhi Jal Board has taken precautions and has issued direction to the maintenance divisions of DJB to either stop supply from such tubewells or utilize the water for other purposes except drinking purpose.
6. That in the view of table in the Para 3 above particularly at S. No. 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8 it is requested that this Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to grant some time for carrying out the testing/checking of the contents of Arsenic in the samples collected from different Tubewells existing in various areas of Delhi.
7. The status report is being submitted in this Hon'ble Tribunal for the record and kind perusal. However, any further direction given by this Hon'ble Tribunal in this regard will be abided by the undersigned Submitted please.

  
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