

- ③ Is there a need to create a separate agency with the task in each state to regularise & monitor the testing & quality of water supply? comment

Central Ground water estimates nearly a fifth of urban local bodies are already facing severe water crisis. adding to this the report of ministry of consumer affairs, food & public distribution red-flagged tap water quality in major Indian cities.

Problem with water supply

As per the test carried out by the Bureau of Indian standards water supply in Indian cities is not near to national standard, & the packaged drinking water exporting states also deviated from their duty to supply piped water. this is also coupled with high dependence of ground water, which is also polluted.

Even though Indian standard possible quality requirement, includes absence of viruses, parasites & microscopic organisms & toxic substance, but municipal & water supply agencies often fails to test due to lack of accountability & absence of robust agency on quality testing.

A separate agency

A separate agency must be constituted ^{by state govt} & it should be made legally binding to achieve standards.

The agency must made to work in integrated approach considering housing, water supply, sanitation & waste management. It should be quasi-judicial so that it can penalize the water supply firms.

As Government of India through Jal Jeevan Mission working on SDG-6 i.e. clean drinking water to every household in order to ensure the quality it requires separate agency on water supply.