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Circular to All Unit Secretaries / Members:

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Dear Comrade,

POTABLE WATER ALLOWANCE

We reproduce hereunder our letter no.ORG/35/2018 dated 09.08.2018 addressed to the Chief General Manager, SBI, Chennai Circle regarding the captioned subject for your information.

Comradely yours,

(G. SELVARAJ)

GENERAL SECRETARY

Text of our letter No.ORG/35/2018 dated 09.08.2018

The Chief General Manager
State Bank of India
Local Head Office,
Chennai

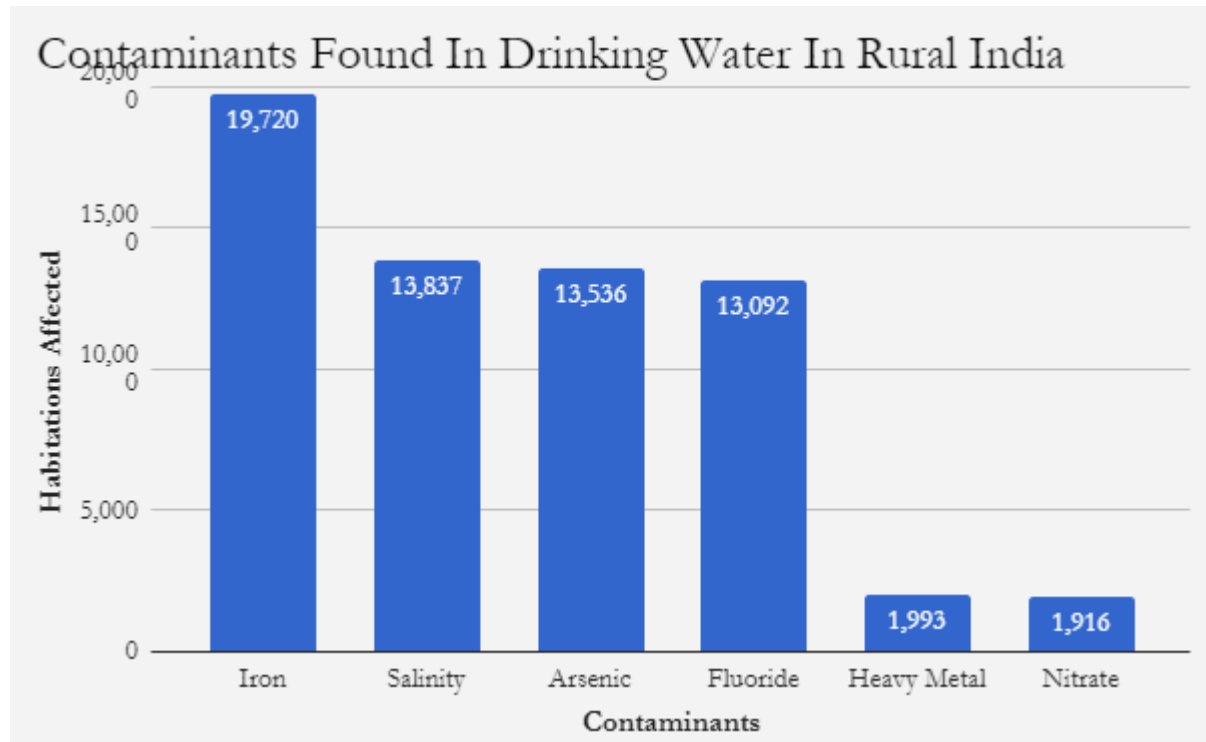
Dear Sir,

POTABLE WATER ALLOWANCE

Our Chennai Circle is the pioneer in all the Staff Welfare measures. We stand as a model across Pan India. There is a prerequisite of potable water in the recent past, due to contamination of water from various sources. All our officers are purchasing potable water for their daily needs.

India has the maximum number of people, without access to clean water, according to a new global report. Access of safe drinking water was declared as a **human right** by the United Nations but remains a challenge for urban India. Depleting ground water, lack of proper rainwater harvesting and rising

contamination in the ground water due to sewage and industrial effluent discharge is posing fresh challenges for the Indian cities. While the affluent class depend on the purified water and packaged or bottled water, this class of consumer constitutes less than 5% of the total Indian population. Lack of safe drinking water poses many health hazards such as diarrhea, cholera, and typhoid which have seen millions of registered cases during the past 3 years.



Source: [Lok Sabha](#)

Iron, which is known to cause respiratory system haemorrhage when mixed with drinking water, according to the World Health Organization, was found in water supplied to 30% or 19,720 rural Indian habitations, according to an answer to the Lok Sabha. Arsenic, known to cause skin lesions and cancer, was found in the drinking water source of 21% of such habitations.

The provision of clean drinking water has been given priority in the **Constitution of India, with Article 47** conferring the duty to the State for providing clean drinking water and improving public health standards.

Consumption of bottled water in India is linked to the level of prosperity in the different regions. The western region accounts for 40 per cent of the market and the eastern region just 10. However, the bottling plants are concentrated in the southern region - of the 3400+ bottling water plants in India, more than 55% are in 4 southern states. This a major problem because southern India, especially **Tamil Nadu**, is water starved.

Adequate drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene are all essential ingredients to ensure good health. The same is true for proper wastewater management, which

is a basic prerequisite for environmental welfare and protection. Improving upon these services will bring economic gains while also helping to build resilience given increasing climate variability.

On an average, 750 litres of potable water needed for a family of four per month. Cost of 25 litres branded potable water is Rs.75/-. Total Rs.2250/- incurred per month.

“Prevention is always better than cure”. Due to Poor quality of water and presence of chemical/ bacteriological contamination, many water borne diseases are spread, which causes untold misery, and in several cases even death, thereby adversely affecting the socio-economic progress of the country. At household levels, the economic loss includes cost of medical treatment and wage loss during sickness. Loss of working days affects productivity. Provision of potable water will substantially reduce the medical budget of our Circle.

We therefore request our benevolent Chief General Manager and the Circle Management to accord approval for potable water allowance of Rs.2250/- per month to the Officers community at our Chennai Circle.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(G. SELVARAJ)

GENERAL SECRETARY