



Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology,
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Private Member's Resolution, Mr. Saif-Ud-Din Bhat, Hon'ble Member to move:-

"This House resolves to safe guard the springs of Kashmir, the real natural water resource, a committee of experts be framed to assess the threats caused to these natural resources throughout the State and to find out the causes of pollution deteriorating the quality of fresh water from these springs and to report reasons of depletion and also to suggest the remedy to preserve these springs".

Reply

Natural water springs owe their purity, quality and perennial flow to well protected well wooded catchments and un-degraded unpolluted surroundings.

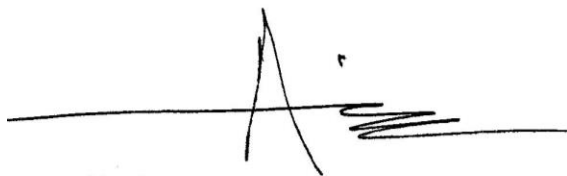
Jammu & Kashmir State is bestowed by nature with widespread water bodies like lakes, rivers, streams, springs, ponds etc. J&K SPCB monitors major water bodies of the State by analyzing the water quality on a regular basis within its available resources and manpower. These major water bodies including majoe lakes and river systems such as the Dal, Nigeen and Wular lakes, the Rivers of Jehlum, Sindh, Lidder, Tawi, Chenab, Mansar Lake, Surnisar, Sanasar, River Devak, Ujj, Basantar etc. Besides these major water bodies, there are innumerable springs existing throughout the length and breadth of the State. These serve as major sources

of drinking water, irrigation and other human needs. However they are not regularly monitored by the board in view of constraints of resources and manpower.

Over the years water springs have faced environmental degradation by way of unchecked deforestation, splattering of plastic garbage, discharge of effluents & domestic sewage, disturbance of aquifers due to road construction, encroachments of forestlands etc. This has resulted in depletion of water resources or decline of water quality of these natural water springs. These water springs need to be protected and conserved. Any additional initiative to protect these water bodies from pollution shall go a long way in protection of the natural resources of the State.

However, department is already monitoring the quality of various large water bodies like Dal, Sind, Wuler and Jhelum. Some major springs in Kashmir Valley such as Chashme Shahi, Verinag & Kokernag could possibly be monitored by the State Pollution Control Board to begin with on a regular basis.

Further, our department shall take necessary measures in consultation with other departments like PHE, Housing & Urban Development Department. So, the Hon'ble Member is requested to withdraw the Resolution.



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Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology

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