

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH  
IRRIGATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Government of Himachal Pradesh proposes to prescribe the following standards of drinking water supplied through Drinking Water Schemes of the Irrigation & Public Health Department:-

Sr. No	Characteristic	Unit	Requirement (Acceptable Limit)	Permissible Limit in the absence of alternate source
1	Total Dissolved solids (TDS)	Milligram/litre	500	2000
2	Colour	Hazen Unit	5	15
3	Turbidity	NTU	1	5
4	Total Hardness	Milligram/litre	200	600
5	Ammonia	Milligram/litre	0.5	0.5
6	Free Residual Chlorine	Milligram/litre	0.2	1.0
7	PH	---	6.5-8.5	6.5-8.5
8	Chloride	Milligram/litre	250	1000
9	Fluoride	Milligram/litre	1.0	1.5
10	Arsenic	Milligram/litre	0.01	0.05
11	Iron	Milligram/litre	0.3	0.3
12	Nitrate	Milligram/litre	45	45
13	Sulphate	Milligram/litre	200	400
14	Selenium	Milligram/litre	0.01	0.01
15	Zinc	Milligram/litre	5.0	15.0
16	Mereury	Milligram/litre	0.001	0.001
17	Lead	Milligram/litre	0.01	0.01
18	Cyanide	Milligram/litre	0.05	0.05
19	Copper	Milligram/litre	0.05	1.5
20	Chromium	Milligram/litre	0.05	0.05
21	Nickel	Milligram/litre	0.02	0.02
22	Cadmium	Milligram/litre	0.003	0.003
23	E-Coli Thermotolerant coliforms or	Milligram/litre	Nil	Nil

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If any interested individuals, public representatives Panchayati Raj Institutions, Water Users' Associations/Krishak Vikas Sanghs, Non Govt. Organizations, or any other organizations likely to be affected by these standards has any objections, comments or suggestions with regard to these suggestions he/ she may send the same to the Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation and public health Department, U.S. Club, Shimla within a period of thirty days from the date of publication. The same can also be e-mailed on [hprrg@rediffmail.com](mailto:hprrg@rediffmail.com). The objections, comments or suggestions, if any, received within the above stipulated period shall be taken into consideration by the government before finalizing the Water Quality Standards to be adopted by the Department.

Sd/-  
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