

ANNEXURE-I
Drinking water quality standards

Characteristics	*Acceptable	**Cause for Rejection
Turbidity (units on JTU scale)	2.5	10
Colour (Units on platinum cobalt scale)	5.0	25
Taste and Odour	Unobjectionable	Unobjectionable
PH	7.0 to 8.5	<6.5 or >9.2
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l)	500	1500
Total hardness (mg/l) (as CaCO ₃)	200	600
Chlorides as CD (mg/l)	200	1000
Sulphates (as SO ₄)	200	400
Fluorides (as F) (mg/l)	1.0	1.5
Nitrates (as NO ₃) (mg/l)	45	45
Calcium (as Ca) (mg/l)	75	200
Magnesium (as Mg) (mg/l)	30	150
Iron (as Fe) (mg/l)	0.1	1.0
Manganese (as Mn) (mg/l)	0.05	0.5
Copper (as Cu) (mg/l)	0.05	1.5
Zinc (as Zn) (mg/l)	5.0	15.0
Phenolic compounds (as phenol) (mg/l)	0.001	0.002
Anionic detergents (as MBAS) (mg/l)	0.2	1.0
Mineral Oil (mg/l)	0.01	0.3
Arsenic (as As) (mg/l)	0.05	0.05
Cadmium (as Cd) (mg/l)	0.01	0.01
Chromium (as hexavalent Cr) (mg/l)	0.05	0.05
Cyanides (as CN) (mg/l)	0.05	0.05
Lead (as Pb) (mg/l)	0.1	0.1
Selenium (as Se) (mg/l)	0.01	0.01
Mercury (total as Hg) (mg/l)	0.001	0.001
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)	0.2 µg/l	0.2 µg/l

Notes :

- *1. The figures indicated under the column `Acceptable' are the limits up to which water is generally acceptable to the consumers
- **2 Figures in excess of those mentioned under `Acceptable' render the water not acceptable, but still may be tolerated in the absence of alternative and better source but up to the limits indicated under column "Cause for Rejection" above which are supply will have to be rejected.