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- iv) Most of the Known sources are exploited. Other sources are being investigated. Reverse osmosis Plant provided in Chowra and functioning. Possibility of reverse osmosis at other places is being explored. Short listing of the firms for this purpose is also being done.
 - v) Wherever composite water supply system is available, water supply is being made through pipe lines.
 - vi) Desalination plant installed at Chowra is working
 - vii) Tribes of Chowra islands prefer rainwater instead of water from desalination plant installed at the island. Rainwater harvesting tanks are also provided at the island. However sometime, it is heard that these tribal whenever visit Teresa island also bring water from there.
 - ix) Necessary instructions have already been issued to EE's to locate & repair the cracked/ leaked rain harvesting tank.

Regarding treatment plant and installation of pumps in wells :-

The water needs of various villages are normally met through a number of small sources. This makes it extremely difficult to provide complete treatment units at all these individual and scattered sources. Nevertheless, at a few locations, where a particular source is supplying water to a considerable area, complete treatment units including sedimentation, filtration, chlorination etc. have been provided. However, depending on the quantity of the water of the wells, required bleaching treatment is always done before supplying the water to the people.

Regarding installation of pumps in the wells, it is to mention that the exploitation of ground water in these small islands where sea is nearby is to be done in a cautious manner. A balance has to be struck to avoid over-exploitation and precautions have to be taken to control movement of saline water towards land.

It is however to mention that our exploitation of ground water is well controlled and is done in Co-ordination with the Central G.W. Board.