

(5) Suppose, Raziya had not read the news and everyone had drunk the water without boiling it, what could have happened?

Ans: People could have suffered from water-borne diseases like diarrhoea, cholera, typhoid etc, if they had consumed the contaminated water.

(6) Where Deepak lives, everyone has to stand in a queue to fill water from the common public tap. In Raziya's house, water comes all day in the tap. Why is this?

Ans:- Deepak was a poor boy and his mother worked as a domestic servant in Raziya's house. Perhaps, he lives in a chawl, which is a 4 or 5 storey building with single-room flats. In such a place, there is a common tap for the whole society. Even though this tap, water flows only in the early mornings and in the evenings. Thus, people have to stand in a queue to collect water.

Raziyah perhaps lives in a high-society building where water is available throughout the day because of some water conservation systems. Such systems include water reservoirs, tanks etc, that supply water to the people of the society all day long.

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Q1) Why do the drinking water places get dirty?

Ans:- Drinking water places get dirty due to spitting and sometimes bathing and washing clothes and utensils. It may also happen if public toilets and garbage dumps are located nearby.

Q2) What can we do to keep these places clean?

Ans:- The ways in which we can keep the drinking water places clean are as follows:-

(a) Solid or liquid wastes should not be thrown into the water bodies.

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- (b) Sewage water should be properly treated before disposing it in the rivers.
- (c) Industrial wastewater containing various effluents should be properly treated.
- (d) Washing and bathing should not be done in these places.
- (e) Public toilets and garbage dumps should be located away from these places.

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(a) What can be done to keep the toilets clean?

Ans: (a) Regular cleaning of the toilets using toilet cleaners.

(b) Flushing the toilet after every visit.

(c) Using separate pair of slippers for toilets.

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