

7. Toxic Waste Contaminates Water Sources Class 4 English

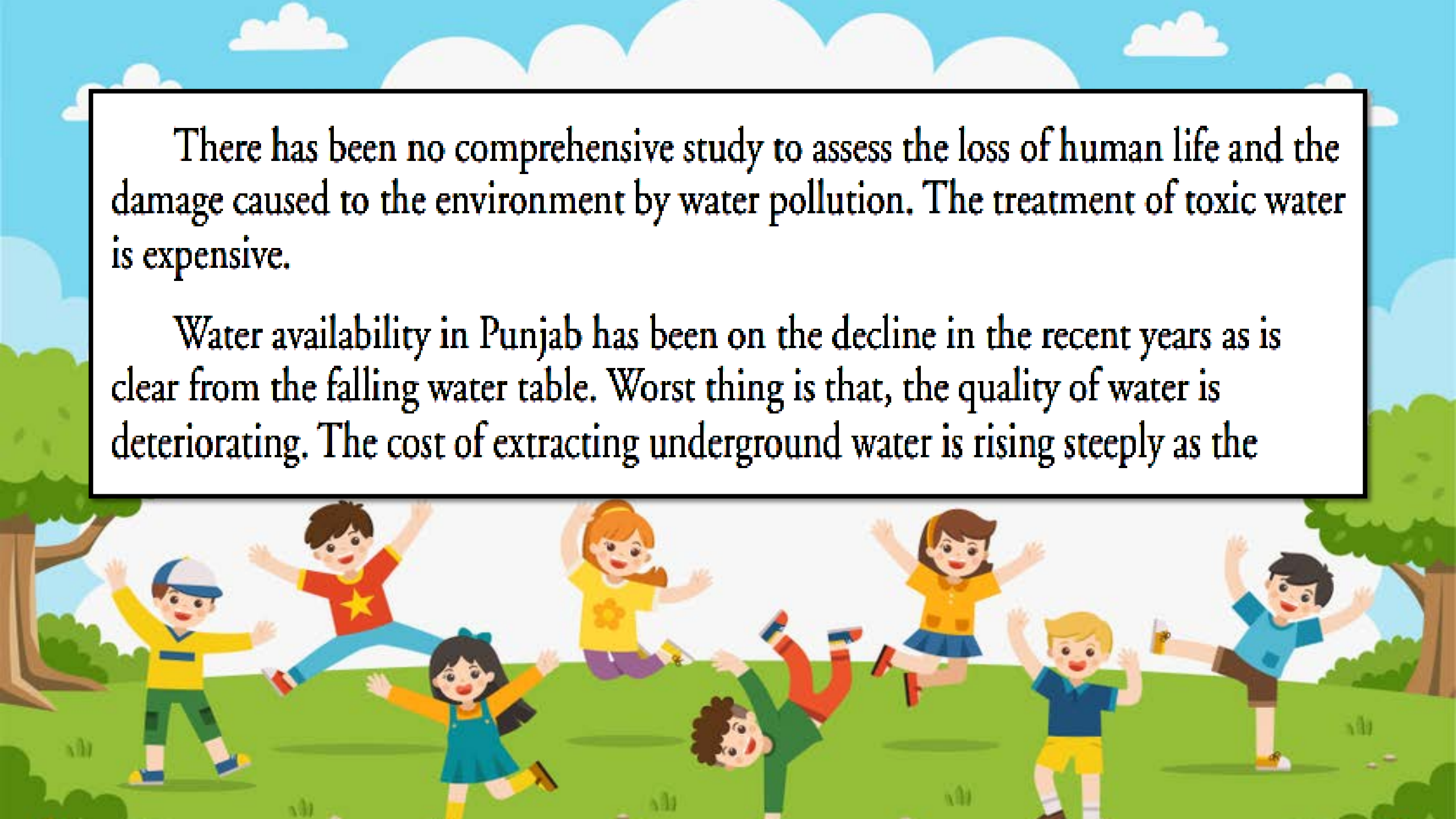


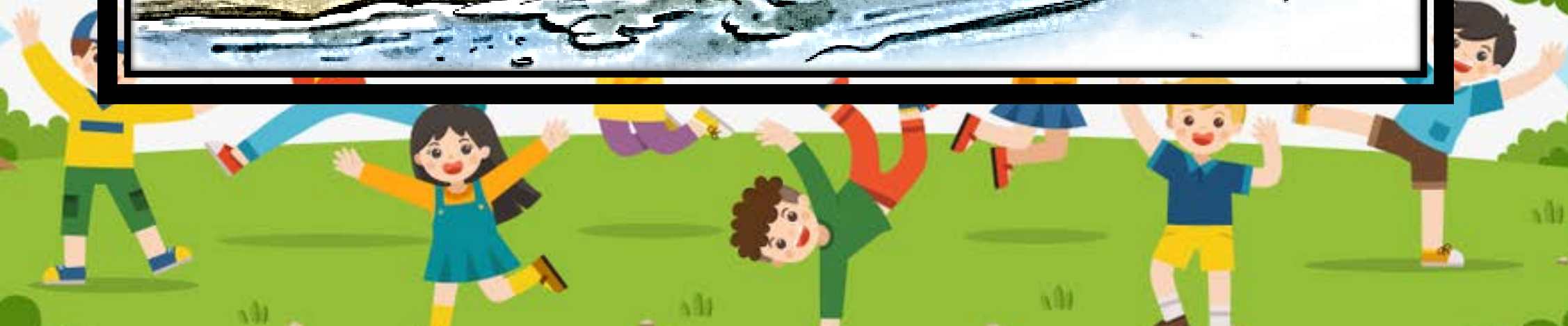
Off and on media reports highlight the contamination of drinking water sources, such as – rivers and other water bodies by the discharge of industrial effluents. However the authorities take a very few action and the issue is soon forgotten. A comprehensive action plan to fight the menace is still awaited. When the pollution levels assume deadly dimensions, residents approach the media and even move the High Court, but the authorities concerned come up with only ad hoc solutions, which provide only temporary respite.



There has been no comprehensive study to assess the loss of human life and the damage caused to the environment by water pollution. The treatment of toxic water is expensive.

Water availability in Punjab has been on the decline in the recent years as is clear from the falling water table. Worst thing is that, the quality of water is deteriorating. The cost of extracting underground water is rising steeply as the





shallow water is becoming unfit for human consumption. A study by the Punjab Pollution Control Board has revealed that 95 per cent of the underground water in Nangal village near Ludhiana has been contaminated. This is not an isolated case. Industrial units dig up pits to dump toxic waste. It is an alarming situation and it requires a drastic remedial action without any delay.

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