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The poor quality of drinking water has forced a large cross-section of citizens to buy bottled water available in the market. As a consequence of this expanding market a mushroom growth of bottled water industry in the country is witnessed during the last few years. However, many of the mineral/bottled water companies were found selling contaminated water sealed in the bottles. To monitor and improve the quality of bottled water, the Government of Pakistan through Ministry of Science and Technology has designated the task to PCRWR for quarterly monitoring of bottled/mineral water brands and publicize the results. The monitoring report for the quarter from April to June, 2019 comprised of **77** samples of Bottled water brands collected from markets of Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Tandojam, Lahore, Multan, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Peshawar and Sialkot. Comparison of laboratory test results with Bottled Water Quality Standards of Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) revealed that only two brands (i.e. Super Natural and TAJ Pure Drinking Water) were found unsafe due to high concentration of sodium ranging from 60-76 ppm (50 ppm is the permissible limit as per PSQCA standards, whereas another set of two brands (i.e. Classic Plus and KLINZ) were found unsafe due to low concentration of pH.

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