

Checking of Pollution at Religious Places

56. SHRI MITRA SEN YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are working on some scheme to preserve environment and check pollution at religious places of national importance.

(b) if so, the names of such religious places; and

(c) the progress of the work undertaken to check pollution in Ayodhya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) There is no scheme with the specific objective of preserving the environment and checking pollution at religious places of national importance.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Schemes to Make Ganga and Yamuna Pollution Free

57. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Government on various schemes to make Ganga and Yamuna rivers pollution free, scheme wise;

(b) whether Government have also formulated any scheme to evaluate the outcome of these measures; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Amount spent by the Government under Ganga Action Plan, schemewise is given below:-

| S.No. | Name of Scheme | Amount spent (Rs. in Crores) |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Sewage Interception and Diversion | 89.12 |
| 2. | Sewage Treatment Plants | 50.22 |
| 3. | Low Cost Sanitation | 18.55 |
| 4. | Electric Crematoria | 11.93 |
| 5. | River Front Facilities | 11.70 |
| 6. | Others | 9.61 |
| Total | | 191.13 |

No expenditure has been incurred in respect of Yamuna River.

(b) and (c). The water quality of River Ganga is being continuously monitored at 20

locations on the main river and one location each on its 7 major tributaries. The changes in the water quality parameters are being observed before and after completion of Pollution Abatement Schemes. The param-