

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3364  
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COMMITTEE ON FLOW OF WATER IN YAMUNA  
LAKSHMAN SINGH

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have constituted any high powered committee on maintenance of minimum flow in river Yamuna;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken for rehabilitation of Sewerage system and augmentation of Sewerage Treatment Plants(STPs)?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A High Powered Committee was constituted in January, 1998 under Member (Environment), Planning Commission. The Chief Secretaries of riparian states namely, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are members. The Committee has held 10 meetings till now and its proceedings are informed to the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The committee has outlined certain short term and long term measures for meeting the desired minimum flow.

Rehabilitation of trunk sewerage system of Delhi and setting up of requisite number of Sewage Treatment Plants and their satisfactory operation to meet the desired standards are some of the suggested measures.

(c) 91 km of trunk sewerage in Delhi is not functional due to settlement/siltation. 30 kms of this trunk sewer is proposed to be rehabilitated under Yamuna Action Plan phase-II. The remaining part of sewerage system is being renovated by Government of Delhi from their own resources.

Out of the 3300 million litres per day sewage generated in Delhi, a treatment capacity of 2350 million litres per day exists at present. Additional sewage treatment capacity of 135 million litres per day along with rehabilitation of 624 million litres per day of existing capacity is proposed under Yamuna Action Plan phase-II