

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:15  
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POLLUTION IN BRAMHANI RIVER  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that the pollution of Bramhani river in the Angul district of Orissa has posed a threat to the lives of local people; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken so far in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Monitoring of the water quality carried out at 11 locations on the river Bramhani including the Station located in Angul District shows that some of the pollutant parameters like Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Total Coliform Count are exceeding the desired water quality criteria limits. Various remedial measures taken for prevention and control of pollution in the river Bramhani include installation of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) by the industries to meet the prescribed effluent standards, recycling of the ash-pond water by thermal power plants located in Angul-Talcher area, disposing of ash generated from industries in the abandoned coal mines, adoption of water cycling and conservation as well as usage of treated wastewater for irrigation by most of the industries, etc.