GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:304 ANSWERED ON:05.09.2007 YAMUNA ACTION PLAN Barman Shri Hiten;Barman Shri Ranen

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

(a) whether the implementation of the Yamuna Action Plan is far behind its scheduled time of completion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the plan and its implementation, Phase-wise;

(d) the original cost of the plan and the cost escalation as a result of delay, Phase-wise;

(e) the details of funds allocated for the plan and utilized therefrom during the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) the time by which the plan is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 304 to be answered on Wednesday, the 5th September, 2007 on "Yamuna Action Plan".

(a) & (b) The Government of India has undertaken Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) for abatement of pollution of river Yamuna with the assistance from Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC), Government of Japan in a phased manner. YAP Phase-I was launched in 1993 with the completion period upto the year 2000. However, this phase was extended upto 2003 owing to inclusion of additional works on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as to utilize the savings accrued by Government of India on account of appreciation of Yen in comparison to Rupee.

The second phase of YAP was started in December 2004 with the completion period of 5 years. Starting of this phase took some time due to compliance to the administrative and procedural requirements.

(c) & (d) A total of 269 pollution abatement works pertaining to interception and diversion of sewage, installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), Low Cost Sanitation, Crematoria, River Front Development, Public Participation & Awareness etc. were taken up in YAP, Phase-I at a cost of Rs. 681 crore in 21 towns of the three States of U.P., Haryana and Delhi. A total of 38 STPs having a treatment capacity of 753.25 million litres per day (mld) have been created under this phase. The project was completed within the approved cost.

YAP Phase-II was formulated to take up other pollution abatement works of the river Yamuna, as prioritized by the States. This phase includes,

(i) installation/rehabilitation of STPs, rehabilitation/replacement of trunk sewers in Delhi,

(ii) installation of STPs, laying of sewer lines and rising mains in Agra, Uttar Pradesh and,

(iii) laying of sewer lines in six towns of Haryana.

The estimated cost of this phase is Rs.624 crores and cost escalation is not envisaged at this stage.

(e) & (f) The allocation for YAP-II and funds utilised during the last three years are as under :

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The first phase of YAP was completed in 2003. The second phase of the Plan is scheduled to be completed in a period of five years from the date of its commencement.