

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

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POLLUTION IN RIVERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any specific study to know the extent of pollution in rivers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding river pollution in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) According to a study conducted by Central Pollution Control Board in the year 2001, 71 polluted stretches of rivers have been identified across the country having the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), a key parameter indicating organic pollution, greater than 6 mg/l. The details of these stretches are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d) Concerns on pollution in rivers are raised from time to time in the country. The problem of pollution in rivers is addressed by the Government by undertaking various pollution abatement works under National River Conservation Scheme. The proposals for taking up new pollution abatement works in rivers are received from the State Governments and considered based upon the feasibility of the project, level of pollution, availability of the Plan Outlay etc.