

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES ON RIVER BANKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra under the river pollution abatement project for the development of certain cities near rivers in Maharashtra for consideration and approval under the National River Conservation Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Union Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to get approval of the Union Government?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) This Ministry has received detailed project proposals relating to pollution abatement works for the cities along various rivers, namely, Kolhapur (Panchganga), Wai (Krishna), Pandharpur (Bhima), Prakasha (Tapi), Paithan (Godavari) and Nawapur (Rangawali) from the Government of Maharashtra for approval under the National River Conservation Plan. These proposals could not be considered due to budgetary constraints. However, it was suggested that the State Government may undertake these proposals out of the State Plan provisions by seeking necessary funds from the Planning Commission. Subsequently, on seeking the comments on proposals related to the cities of Pandharpur, Prakasha and Paithan by the Planning Commission, these were examined in the Ministry and found inadequate in important details and requisite information. Accordingly, the Government of Maharashtra has been intimated to revise these proposals.