

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the pollution being caused to the river and environment due to effluents being dumped by Ballarpur Paper Mill situated at Ballarshah in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, whether any action has been taken against the Ballarpur Paper Mill spreading pollution;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) According to the information made available by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Ballarpur Paper Mill has provided effluent treatment facility including Chemical Recovery Plant for the recovery of chemicals from black liquor. The Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) have been found within the permissible limits. The treated effluent is partially used in its factory premises and the balance is discharged in the Wardha river. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has given directions to the industry for further improvement of the pollution control systems through installation of lime kiln, Odour control unit and Sewage Treatment Plant.