

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL RIVERS IN NRCP
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States for inclusion of additional rivers in the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the name of the States and the Rivers; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) presently covers identified polluted stretches of 36 rivers in 165 towns spread over 20 States. During the XI Plan period, three proposals for inclusion of additional rivers in the NRCP have been received so far from the State Governments. The details are as follows:

Name of the river Town/ State Cost (Rs. In crore)

Tapi Prakash, Maharashtra 2.44

Panchganga Kolhapur, Maharashtra 75.09

Mandakini Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh 7.91

The proposal for river Tapi has been approved in November, 2008. Proposals received from the State Governments from time to time for inclusion of additional rivers/towns in the NRCP are considered based upon the funds available under the Plan outlay, degree of pollution, scope of coverage of works under other Central Plan Schemes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), State Governments' commitment for contribution of matching share of costs etc.