

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

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

- (a) whether the pollution in River Pamba of Kerala has increased;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government so far to make the river pollution free; and
- (d) the details of amount spent so far on cleaning the river?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) As per Central Pollution Control Board, pollution levels in river Pamba have not shown increase in trend.
- (c) & (d) A project for abatement of pollution of river Pamba at Sabrimala and Pamba in Kerala was approved for an amount of Rs. 18.45 crores as Pamba Action Plan under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in May, 2003 on 70:30 cost sharing basis between the Central and State Government. The Central and State Government's share in the project cost is Rs. 12.92 crore and Rs. 5.53 crore. As per information made available by the state Govt., an expenditure of Rs. 226.41 lakh has been incurred so far on the project.