

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SURVEY ON RIVER YAMUNA

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

- (a) whether as per the report of Central Pollution Control Board, the river Yamuna is so full of excrete that its water resembles that of a drain, devoid of oxygen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the stretches of Yamuna River between Wazirabad and Okhla in Delhi is severally polluted and this river has become one of the most polluted river in this country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred therefrom for the implementation of Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (f) the extent to which YAP has achieved the success for the abatement of pollution in the River Yamuna?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) As per Central Pollution Control Board, the stretch of the river Yamuna between Nizamuddin Bridge (Delhi) and Etawah (Uttar Pradesh) exceeds the standard in terms of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) of 3 miligram per litre due to the discharge of sewage and industrial effluents and large scale extraction of water for drinking purposes. The level of dissolved oxygen at Nizamuddin Bridge (Delhi) and Palwal (Haryana) is reported to be less than 3 miligram per litre.

(e) The funds allocated and expenditure incurred for the implementation of YAP during the last three years and the current year respectively are as under:-

Year	Fund Allocation (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in crore)
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2006-07	46.50	10.74
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2007-08	40.85	57.47
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2008-09	105.00	119.69
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2009-10	105.00	99.82
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(upto Feb, 2010)

(f) Implementation of river pollution abatement works is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments under which various schemes of pollution abatement are implemented by the Government based upon the estimated pollution loads. Besides the schemes undertaken by State Governments, the Government of India is implementing Yamuna Action Plan for abatement of pollution of river Yamuna with assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency, Government of Japan in a phased manner. A total of 276 schemes have been completed in 21 towns of the three states of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana and 753.25 million litres per day of sewage treatment capacity has been created so far under YAP.

The water quality in river Yamuna has not shown the desired improvement owing to the large gap between the demand and availability

of the sewage treatment capacity and lack of availability of fresh water in the river during the lean period.