

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Hindon river has become polluted over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action taken by the Government against the industries which are discharging waste into Hindon river; and
- (d) the effective measures taken for abatement of pollution in the Hindon river?

**Answer**

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

(a)to (d) River Hindon is polluted due to wastewater discharge from industries as well as domestic sources. As per information received from U.P. Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), a total of 28 highly polluting industries have been identified in the catchment area of river Hindon. Each of these units has requisite pollution control facilities. A total of 47 highly polluting industries have been identified in the catchment area of rivers Kali (West) and Krishni, which are tributaries of Hindon. These units have installed pollution control systems. Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, against 3 agro based paper units in the catchment area of river Kali (West) due to improper operation and maintenance of their pollution control systems.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I, pollution abatement works have been taken up in the towns of Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budhnagar located along Hindon, a tributary of river Yamuna. These include interception, diversion and treatment of sewage, low cost sanitation, improved wood crematoria, afforestation, public participation & awareness, etc.A sewage treatment capacity of 269.5 million liters per day (mld) has been created in these towns.