

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the plans of the Government to revive and develop various rivers in the country has not achieved the desired results;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of river projects undertaken by the Government for revival and development, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated and released for the purpose to various State Governments during the last three years and the current year, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (d) Under the National River Conservation Plan, various pollution abatement works are undertaken for improving the water quality of the rivers in the country. The pollution abatement works include interception and diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river; Development of sewage treatment plants; Low cost sanitation works near river banks; Electric and/or improved wood based crematoria works; River front development works such as improvement of bathing ghats etc. Despite phenomenal increase in urban population, the water quality of various rivers has shown reduction in organic pollution in some stretches.

At present, the plan covers 167 towns in 20 States along the polluted stretch of 38 rivers. The State-wise details, also indicating the funds allocated and released during last 3 years and present year are given in Annex-I.