

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include more rivers in the National River Conservation Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the various State Governments including State Government of Rajasthan in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) was initiated in 1995. It presently covers 178 towns along polluted stretches of 38 rivers spread over 20 States. Proposals for inclusion of new rivers/towns in the NRCP, received from the State Governments from time to time, are considered based upon the funds available under the Plan, degree of pollution, scope of coverage of works under other Central Plan Schemes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission and the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns, State Governments' commitment for contribution of matching share of costs etc.

(d) to (f) The State Government of Punjab has requested inclusion of the rivers Beas and Ghaggar under NRCP. Based on the proposals received from the State Government, the Government has commenced appraisal of proposals in 10 towns of Mukerian, Dasuya, Tanda and Bholath for pollution abatement of river Beas at an estimated cost of Rs.69.04 crores and in the towns of Rajpura, Moonak, Patran, Lehragaga, Khanauri & Dera Bassi for pollution abatement of river Ghaggar at an estimated cost of Rs.104.35 crores.

The Government has also commenced appraisal of a proposal received from the State Government of Gujarat for pollution abatement of river Mindhola at Surat at an estimated cost of Rs.387.58 crore.