

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes installation of new Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in all the towns discharging sewage in to the rivers to bridge the gap between generation and treatment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to renovate all the existing sewage pumping stations and sewage treatment plants with international co-operation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) According to a recent report of the Central Pollution Control Board, against an estimated sewage generation of about 38254 million litres per day (mld.) from the Class I cities & Class II towns of the country, the available treatment capacity is for 11787 mld (31%). Additional sewage treatment capacity for 26467 mld needs to be created to bridge the gap.

The Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments/ Urban Local Bodies for creation of civic infrastructure for sewage management and disposal, through central schemes. Interception and diversion of sewage and setting up of Sewage Treatment Plants is among the main components of pollution abatement works taken up under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). Sewage treatment capacity of about 4064 mld. has been created so far under this Plan. Sewerage and sewage treatment works are also being implemented under other central schemes, such as Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns, as well as under state schemes.

External assistance from bilateral/ multilateral agencies is availed of by the Government from time to time. In addition to setting up of new Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and sewage pumping stations, renovation/ capacity augmentation of existing ones is also taken up based on the proposals for conservation of rivers received from the State Governments. The Yamuna Action Plan Phase-II(YAP-II), an ongoing programme assisted by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for pollution abatement of river Yamuna, has components for renovation/augmentation of existing pumping stations and STPs in Delhi. A project for conservation of river Ganga at Varanasi is being implemented with the assistance of JICA, which includes works for renovation of existing pumping stations and STPs, besides other pollution abatement works.