

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4803  
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YAMUNA RIVER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Choudhary Shri Bhudeo

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

- (a) whether a high powered committee was constituted by the Prime Minister in the year 2007 for cleaning and development of the river Yamuna;
- (b) if so, the details of the achievements made by this Committee;
- (c) whether the proposal for reconstituting the Yamuna River Development Authority under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi is being considered; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the cleaning work is likely to be started and the amount likely to be spent on it ?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes Sir.

b) & (c) The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) constituted by the High Powered Committee for Yamuna River Development has submitted its report suggesting an operational plan for rejuvenation of Delhi stretch of the river. TAG has also recommended a two tier statutory framework for the establishment of National River Authority and the State River Basin Development Authority.

(d) A number of projects for abatement of pollution of River Yamuna are under implementation. To ensure that untreated waste water is not discharged into Yamuna, Government of NCT of Delhi/Delhi Jal Board has prepared a scheme for laying interceptor sewers along the major drains namely Najafgarh, Supplementary and Shahdara. The project has recently been approved by CCEA under JNNURM at a cost of Rs. 1357 Crore.

To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the problem of pollution of the River Yamuna, Government of India is implementing Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) with assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency, Government of Japan, in a phased manner. Under YAP-II, which commenced in December, 2004 at an approved cost of Rs. 624 crore, major portion of the outlay i.e. Rs. 387.17 crore, has been allocated to Delhi.