

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3512  
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GANGA ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE  
Jagannath Dr. M.

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to declare the natural source of the Ganga in 135 km. stretch from Gaumukh to Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand as India's first eco-sensitive zone on a major river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the projects likely to be scrapped as a result thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) In the meeting of National Ganga River Basin Authority held on 01.11.2010, it was decided that the stretch from Gaumukh to Uttarkashi on river Bhagirathi will be declared as an Eco-Sensitive zone.

Under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, notifications for declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones are issued in consultation with the respective State Governments which, inter alia, cover the activities to be prohibited or regulated within the zone.