

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

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STUDY OF THAMES AND SEINE RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a delegation from India has visited Thames and Seine Rivers for making on the spot study of cleaning works;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the study, and
- (c) the action taken by the Government on the Study Report?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No delegation from the Ministry of Environment and Forests has visited the River Thames and River Seine for making on the spot study of river cleaning works in recent years. However, training is an integral part of the River Conservation Programmes and overseas visits are also undertaken by delegations comprising of officers from the Centre and State Governments as part of these training programmes. The objective of these training programmes is to understand various aspects associated with the cleaning of rivers in other countries such as river basin management, adoption of treatment technologies, water quality monitoring, improvement of river banks, etc.