

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SEWAGE PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Interceptor Sewage project to prevent untreated sewage from flowing into the Yamuna in Delhi has taken off;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the gap between water generation and treatment capacity in the country; and
- (c) the action plan formulated by the Government to rectify the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) This project being implemented by Delhi Jal Board under the centrally sponsored scheme of JnNURM envisages Construction of sewage pumping stations at different locations, laying of interceptor sewers in a total length of 59 kms along three major drains namely Najafgarh, Supplementary and Shadhara, Laying of rising mains and construction of interceptor chambers to intercept the untreated sewage and to pump it to the nearest Sewage Treatment Plants. It is estimated that Class-I cities (498) and Class-II towns (410) generate more than 38254 million liters of sewage per day against which the treatment capacity exists only for about 11787 million liters per day of sewage. Thus there is a large gap between generation and treatment of municipal sewage in the country.

(c) Conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments. This Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for abatement of pollution in rivers under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) which presently covers polluted stretches of 39 rivers in 185 towns in 20 States.

The Central Government has constituted the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) in February, 2009 as an empowered authority for conservation of the river Ganga by adopting a holistic approach. The Authority has decided that under 'Mission Clean Ganga', it will be ensured that by the year 2020, no untreated municipal sewage and industrial effluents flow into Ganga.

Creation of infrastructure for sewage management and disposal is also being undertaken through other central schemes, such as Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns, as well as under state schemes.