

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

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

- (a) whether the World Bank has requested the Government to accelerate ecological reforms in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government especially in and around the border areas of the country including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, recently two projects have been initiated by the Government with the assistance from World Bank to accelerate ecological conservation. The National Ganga River Basin Authority has accessed World Bank assistance for conservation of Ganga River Basin. Another project with the World Bank assistance, namely, Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement Project has also been launched.

(c): Besides, Government has, under the National River Conservation Plan, sanctioned projects costing Rs 367.51 crores for conservation of River Musi along Hyderabad, River Godavari along Bhadrachalam, Mancherial, Rajahmundry and Ramagundam in the State of Andhra Pradesh. So far, funds of Rs 259.80 crores have been released by the Government of India for implementation of the projects and sewage treatment capacity of 600 MLD has been created. A project namely, 'Rehabilitation & Rejuvenation of Banjara Lake' in Hyderabad has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 4.30 crores under the National Lake Conservation Plan. So far, an amount of Rs 2.70 crores has been released for implementation of the projects.