

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLEANING OF YAMUNA RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time since the cleaning of polluted Yamuna is being carried out and the extent to which Yamuna has been cleaned so far alongwith the level of the biological oxygen demand of Yamuna required as per the international standards and the present level thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government have released funds to Delhi Government for the cleanliness of Yamuna river recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any time limit or target has been fixed for the cleanliness of Yamuna river; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Government of India is implementing Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) for cleaning of Yamuna river with assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency, Government of Japan in a phased manner since 1993. Under the first two phases, a total of 286 schemes including 39 sewage treatment plants have been completed in 21 towns of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi and 767.25 million litres per day of sewage treatment capacity has been created.

The pollution abatement works implemented by the Central and State Governments have helped in improving the water quality in some locations and checking the pace of deterioration in others. The water quality of river Yamuna is less than the desired level in some stretches of river owing to large gap between the demand and availability of sewage treatment capacity and lack of fresh water in the river.

(b) & (c) During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 34.88 crore has been released by the Central Government under YAP - II to Delhi Jal Board and Municipal Corporation of Delhi for abatement of pollution of river Yamuna.

(d) & (e) Conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments. The timelines and goals of cleaning river Yamuna are embedded in river conservation projects and creation of civic infrastructure for sewage management and disposal taken up under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns, as well as other State sector schemes.