

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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YAMUNA RIVER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any recommendation from high level committee for constitution of Yamuna River Development Authority on the lines of Ganga Basin River Authority;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the recommendations made therein; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) High Powered Committee for Yamuna River Development, set up by the Government in 2007, in its report, has made recommendations, inter-alia; for setting up of a Yamuna River Development Authority and implementation of projects e.g construction of upstream storages, interceptor sewer, expansion of existing sewage treatment capacity and sewerage network, Yamuna river front development, public awareness, development, management and utilization of ground water from the flood plains, management of dairies, slaughterhouses and dhobi ghats. The Yamuna River Development Authority has been constituted under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Delhi.

(c) Government of India is implementing Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) in a phased manner to supplement the efforts of State Governments. The works taken up under YAP include interception and diversion of sewage, setting up of sewage treatment plants, creation of low cost sanitation facilities, setting up of electric/improved wood crematoria and river front development. An interceptor sewer project has been approved by the Central Government under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission at a cost of Rs. 1357 crore.

Delhi Jal Board has prepared schemes for laying of interceptor sewers along three major drains namely Najafgarh, Shahdara and Supplementary, augmentation of sewage treatment capacity, rehabilitation of trunk sewers, laying of sewerage system in unsewered colonies and rural areas and desilting of peripheral/internal sewers.