

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

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SOLID WATER TREATMENT PLANT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for Solid Water Treatment Plant/ Pre-treatment to prevent the flow of waste and defecation in rivers from cities/towns situated on the banks of rivers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the scheme will start functioning?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in river conservation under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) which was initiated in 1985 and is continuing. Presently the Scheme covers 40 rivers in 190 towns spread over 20 States. As discharge of untreated wastewater constitutes the major source of pollution load for the rivers, interception and diversion of sewage, setting up of Sewage Treatment Plants have, therefore, been among the main components of pollution abatement schemes implemented under this Scheme.

River conservation activities such as creation of civic infrastructure for sewage management and disposal are also being implemented under other central schemes, such as Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns, as well as under state schemes.