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LOK SABHA**

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STUDY CONDUCTED BY TERI ON YAMUNA RIVER

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

- (a) whether the recent study conducted by the Tata Energy and Research Institute (TERI) supported by UNICEF reported the presence of high levels of heavy metals in water and soil near Yamuna;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to prevent the contamination of Yamuna water?

**Answer**

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

- (a) In the recent study entitled "Heavy Metal Contamination in Delhi segment of Yamuna Basin" conducted by The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) and funded by the United National International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), moderate to high levels of heavy metals contamination, at some of the sampling sites in certain stretches of river Yamuna, have been reported.
- (b)&(c) The Ministry supplements the efforts of State Government in addressing the problem of pollution in various rivers including Yamuna by providing funds under the National River Conservation Plan. For this purpose, detailed guidelines have been issued for enabling the State Governments for preparation of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).
- (d) In addition to the scheme indicated in parts (b)&(c) above, for addressing the problem of pollution of Yamuna River, external financial assistance has been obtained from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I and YAP Phase-II. Further, under YAP-III project for Delhi, an amount of Rs. 1656 crores has been approved, which includes assistance from JICA.