

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the stretch of Yamuna River is shrinking and dying due to increasing pollution; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of remedial measures taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) The water quality monitoring undertaken by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) indicates that the water quality in the stretch of the river Yamuna from Tajewala to Palla in Haryana is within the prescribed limits. However, the stretch of the river in the vicinity of Delhi (downstream of Wazirabad barrage to upstream of Okhla barrage) and in parts of Uttar Pradesh does not meet the standards in terms of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand due to reasons such as the discharge of untreated sewage in to the river, gap between the demand and availability of sewage treatment capacity and the lack of fresh water in the river for dilution.

(b) To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the problem of pollution of river Yamuna the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) is implemented since 1993 with assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency in a phased manner. A total of 286 schemes including 38 sewage treatment plants have been completed under these schemes in 21 towns of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi and 767.25 million litres per day of sewage treatment capacity has been created. Further, Government has approved YAP- Phase - III which involves, rehabilitation of the damaged trunk sewers, modernization of the STPs including construction of new ones in the identified areas of Delhi and to equip them with tertiary level treatment facilities to improve the water quality of river Yamuna.