

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

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AMMONIA IN YAMUNA WATER

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

- (a) whether the water treatment units of Yamuna river break down due to the excessive release of Ammonium;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to check the release of ammonium in excessive quantity in Yamuna river by the industrial units;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) As per information provided by Delhi Jal Board, the water treatment plants at Wazirabad and Chandrawal at Delhi were shut down during the period between 13th to 14th March 2012, due to presence of high ammonia levels in Yamuna water.
- (c) to (e) The problem of increase of ammonia in river water of Yamuna is due to sudden release of fresh water from Haryana to meet the raw water demand for Delhi that results in mixing of settled sludge in the river bed. For abatement of pollution in various rivers including Yamuna, this Ministry is supplementing the efforts of State Governments under the National River Conservation Plan.