

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of total waste water that is being treated in urban areas;
- (b) the number of waste water treatment plants in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for increasing the percentage of waste water treatment and for technological upgradation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a) & (b) According to the information furnished by Central Pollution Control Board, Class – I Cities & Class- II Towns in the country together generates 38254 million liters per day (MLD) of sewage, out of which treatment facilities have been provided for a total capacity of 11787 MLD which constitute 31% of total sewage generation. As per the information furnished by CPCB for another Parliament Question No. 5252, the total number of sewage treatment plants in India are 269.

(c) In regard to steps taken by the Government for increasing the percentage of wastewater treatment, the Ministry has launched JNNURM in December 2005 to promote infrastructure facilities in all the urban areas of the country including sanitation with a reform-oriented agenda. Under UIG component of JNNURM, 112 no. of sewerage and sewage treatment projects with a total estimated cost of Rs. 14992.96 Crores and under UIDSSMT component of JNNURM, 161 no. of sewerage projects with a total estimated cost of Rs. 6148.56 Crores have been approved so far by the Ministry with a view to increase the sewage treatment capacity in the urban areas of the country.

In regard to technological upgradation, the Ministry is in the process of revision and updating of the existing Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment, published in 1993 and advanced technologies in sewerage & sewage treatment is being included in the Manual, which will be used as a guideline for planning, design and implementation of the sewerage projects by the State Govt. Departments/ Urban Local Bodies.