

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2407
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FLOWING OF CONTAMINATED RIVERS FROM NEPAL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water of number of rivers flowing from Nepal has got contaminated;
- (b) if so, the number of such rivers and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the flow of contaminated water in the said rivers; and
- (c) if not, the plan of the Government to undertake any talks with the Government of Nepal?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) As per the Ministry of Water Resources, during the third meeting of India-Nepal Joint Standing Technical Committee held on 13-14 September, 2011 at New Delhi, the Indian side informed that there were some reports from local residents that industries in Nepal are discharging untreated effluents into the Sariswa river near Raxaul in Bihar. The Indian side requested that the concerned authorities in Nepal may be apprised of the issue by the Nepalese delegation so that the polluting industries are advised to treat their effluents before discharging it into the natural stream.