

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

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RIVER POLLUTION DUE TO MINING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to mining and unplanned industrialization pollution has increased in Karo, Koena and Koel rivers of Jharkhand during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether these rivers are on the verge of extinction;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) As reported by the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB), the pollution level of rivers Karo, Koena and Koel has not increased due to discharge of uncontrolled mining and industrial effluents. The JSPCB is undertaking the water quality monitoring of these rivers at different locations for their physico-chemical examination.