

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

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CONDITION OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the condition of major rivers like Periyar, Bharatha Puzha and Chaliyar Puzha in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the oxygen level in these rivers is decreasing annually;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to revive these rivers under Ganga Action Plan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The water quality is monitored at 8 locations along the river Periyar, 2 locations along river Bharata Puzha and 3 locations along the river Chaliyar in Kerala. Dissolved Oxygen (DO) level meets the criteria, however at some locations in River Periyar DO level is below the norms

(e) & (f) Conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments. This Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments including the state of Kerala in abatement of pollution in rivers under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). The assistance is provided for works relating to sewerage works, interception and diversion of drains, low cost sanitation/community toilet complexes, including construction of sewage treatment plants (STPs). The projects are implemented on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments.