

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

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WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme for setting up of Real Time Water Quality Monitoring Stations for measuring the level of pollution in Yamuna and Ganga rivers is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the names of the locations where these stations are proposed to be set up and the time by which this work is likely to be completed; and
- (c) the total amount of funds likely to be spent on this scheme and the extent to which it will prove helpful in reducing pollution in these rivers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Empowered Steering Committee in its meeting held on 20.11.2012 has decided to establish 113 continuous Real Time Water Quality Monitoring Stations (RTWQMS) along river Ganga under National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) in next 5 years. Presently Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring water quality of river Yamuna at 27 locations. The identified locations of these stations are, 8 in Uttarakhand, 57 in Uttar Pradesh, 13 in Bihar and 35 in West Bengal. Presently manual Water Quality Monitoring Stations are under operation along river Ganga and Yamuna which includes 134 stations in the states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.

(c) Amounts of Rs. 94.45 crore and Rs. 5.62 Crore are earmarked for RTWQMS under NGRBA and World Bank Hydrology Project for river Ganga and Yamuna.