

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LOAN FOR RIVER CLEANING PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken loan or received any grant from foreign countries to check pollution in rivers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds received from various countries, country-wise; and
- (c) the details of amount utilised so far on the cleaning of rivers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) For undertaking pollution abatement for conservation of rivers under National River Conservation Plan, external assistance from bilateral/ multilateral agencies is availed of from time to time by the Government. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Government of Japan has provided a loan assistance of Yen 31.10 billion for the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I and II, and Yen 32.571 billion for YAP III.

For pollution abatement of the river Ganga at Varanasi, loan assistance of 11.184 billion Yen has been availed from JICA. A project with World Bank assistance for abatement of pollution of river Ganga at an estimated cost of Rs.7000 crore has been approved in April, 2011 with the World Bank contribution of US \$ 1 billion for the project.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 1438.34 crore and Rs. 32.49 crore have been incurred, so far, for implementation of pollution abatement schemes for river Yamuna and Ganga at Varanasi town respectively under JICA assisted YAP projects. Under the World Bank assisted project for abatement of pollution of river Ganga, Rs.11.09 crore has been utilized, so far.