

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

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CLEANING OF GODAVARI RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated any funds for cleaning of Godavari river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds sanctioned during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any rapid action for cleaning of Godavari river in view of the forthcoming Kumbh mela; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The projects for conservation of Godavari River at Nashik, Trimbakeshwar and Nanded in the State of Maharashtra and Bhadrachalam, Mancherla, Rajamundry and Ramagundam in the State of Andhra Pradesh consisting of works such as Interception & Diversion of drains, creation of sewage treatment plants, improved wood crematoria, riverfront development, afforestation etc. have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 118.98 crore under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). Under these projects, sewage treatment capacities of 127 Million Litres per Day (MLD) in Maharashtra and 58.46 MLD in Andhra Pradesh have been created at an expenditure of Rs. 112.81 crore. No funds have been released for these projects under the NRCP during the last three years.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has not received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for cleaning of Godavari River in view of the forthcoming Kumbh mela at Nashik in the year 2015.