

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY TARGET OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of sewage treatment plants to be constructed under the Ganga Action Plan and the actual number of plants established so far to raise the capacity of sewage treatment;
- (b) whether the treatment capacity of the present treatment plants is not sufficient;
- (c) if so, the details of the total estimated sewage generated and treated per day in Class I cities and class II towns in each State;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade/construct new treatment plants and the funds provided for the purpose;and
- (e) the time by which the treatment plants are likely to be upgraded?

Answer

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

- (a) Under the Ganga Action Plan, a total of 83 sewage treatment plants have been sanctioned since 1985, of which 69 have been completed.
- (b) & (c) It is estimated that about 2723 million litres of sewage is generated every day from Class I cities and Class II towns along the Ganga River. So far, a capacity to treat 1091 million litres per day (mld) has been created in these towns under Ganga Action Plan.
- (d) & (e) The National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) has decided under Mission Clean Ganga that that no untreated municipal sewage and industrial effluents should flow into Ganga by 2020. In order to meet the shortfall in the sewage treatment infrastructure, projects amounting to nearly Rs. 2600 crore have been sanctioned under the NGRBA for development of sewer networks, sewage treatment plants of additional capacity of 470 mld, electric crematoria, community toilets, development of river fronts etc. A World Bank assisted project for a period of 8 years at an estimated cost of Rs 7000 crore has been approved for conservation and restoration of water quality of the river Ganga.