

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3424  
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POLLUTION IN KARO KOENA AND KOEL RIVERS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to mining and unplanned industrialisation, pollution has increased in Karo, Koena and Koel rivers of Jharkhand during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether these rivers are on the verge of extinction;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) As reported by the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB), the pollution level of rivers Karo, Koena and Koel has not increased due to mining and unplanned industrialization.
- (c)&(d) As reported by JSPCB, these rivers are not on the verge of extinction. The water level of these rivers varies due to the fact that the rivers originate from hilly terrain.
- (e) The Iron ore mines of the area have made garland drains, settling tanks and check dams to control water pollution and activities of the mines are being monitored regularly by the JSPCB.