

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:400

ANSWERED ON:22.04.2013

USE OF SATELLITE TO MONITOR RIVER POLLUTION

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to use satellite data to monitor and curb pollution in rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (d) the time by which the plan is likely to be implemented; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring down the pollution level in the rivers?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 400 to be answered on Monday, the 22nd April, 2013 on "Use of Satellite to Monitor River Pollution" by Shri. N.S.V. Chitthan and Shri B.B. Patil

(a) to (d) No Sir.

(e) Conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments. This Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution in rivers under the National River Conservation Plan by providing assistance for works relating to sewerage and sewage treatment plants, low cost sanitation/ community toilet complexes, river front development, crematoria etc. The projects are implemented on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments.

For conservation of river Ganga, the Central Government constituted the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) in February, 2009 as an empowered authority to ensure effective abatement of pollution by adopting a holistic river basin approach. Under this, National Mission Clean Ganga has been set up to implement the NGRBA programme in a dedicated manner.