

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4440
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2013
CONDITION OF RIVERS OF KERALA
Raghavan Shri M. K.

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the condition of major rivers like Periyar, Bharatha Puzha and Chaliyar Puzha in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the oxygen level in these rivers is decreasing annually;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to revive these rivers on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) Under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme the water quality is monitored at 8 locations along the river Periyar, 2 locations along river Bharata Puzha and 3 locations along the river Chaliyar in Kerala. Dissolved Oxygen (DO) level meets the criteria, however at some locations in River Periyar DO level is below the norms
- (e) & (f) For the abatement of pollution of the rivers Periyar, Bharatha Puzha and Chaliyar Puzha in Kerala no proposal has been received under the National River Conservation Plan(NRCP)