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LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON BETWA AND DHASAN RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study regarding status of Betwa and Dhasan rivers in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revamp these rivers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has been monitoring water quality of river Betwa at 8 locations in Madhya Pradesh. As per the CPCB report, the water quality of the river in terms of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Fecal coliforms is meeting the prescribed standards at most locations. However, water quality in terms of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) is exceeding the prescribed limit of 3 mg/l at Mandideep Industrial Area, Raisen and Vidisha. River Dhasan is not being monitored by CPCB.

(c) to (e) The Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in pollution abatement of various rivers through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). Under the NRCP, for conservation and pollution abatement of river Betwa, fourteen schemes pertaining to interception & diversion of sewage, sewage treatment plants, river front development, low-cost sanitation, crematoria, solid waste management and afforestation have been implemented in the three towns viz. Bhopal, Mandideep and Vidisha at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 8.23 crore. A total sewage treatment capacity of 15 million litres per day (mld) has been created in these towns under the Plan.