

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

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AMOUNT SPENT ON GANGA YAMUNA ACTION PLAN

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study through Pollution Control Research Institute (PCRI) on rising pollution in major rivers of the country including Ganga and Yamuna;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof along with the recommendations made by PCRI in this regard;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on issue of rising pollution in the rivers; and
- (d) the amount allocated and expenditure incurred under Ganga-Yamuna Action Plan and other heads respectively?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As per information received from the Pollution Control Research Institute, Haridwar, they have not carried out any comprehensive study on rising pollution levels in major rivers, including Ganga & Yamuna.

(c) Abatement of pollution in 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 identified stretches of various rivers under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for implementation of projects on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. NRCP presently covers 42 rivers in 195 towns spread over 20 States at a sanctioned cost of Rs.8904 crore. Various pollution abatement schemes taken up under the Plan, inter-alia, include interception and diversion of raw sewage, setting up of sewage treatment plants, creation of low cost sanitation facilities, setting up of electric/ improved wood crematoria and river front development. Till date, sewage treatment capacity of 4788 million litres per day has been created under the Plan.

(d) Under the NRCP, funds amounting to Rs.4635.77 crore have been released by the Ministry to the States for pollution abatement of various rivers, including Rs.1560.05 crore released for pollution abatement of river Ganga under Ganga Action Plan (GAP) and National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) programme, and Rs.1060.38 crore released for pollution abatement of river Yamuna under Yamuna Action Plan (YAP). The total expenditure incurred by the States so far under NRCP is Rs.5966.63 crore (including State share), which includes Rs.1586.11 crore incurred for pollution abatement of river Ganga under GAP and NGRBA programme and Rs.1456.10 crore incurred for pollution abatement of river Yamuna under YAP.