

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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QUALITY OF WATER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Capital Region tops the list of areas which have very bad quality of water as per the Central pollution Control Board and the World Development Report presented by an international agency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) As reported, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has no information about World Development Report on Water Quality of National Capital Region (NCR). However, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring water quality on rivers across the country including NCR. The present network comprises of 2500 stations in 28 States and 6 Union Territories including NCR. The monitoring network covers 445 Rivers, 154 Lakes, 12 Tanks, 78 Ponds, 41 Creeks/Seawater, 25 Canals, 45 Drains, 10 Water Treatment Plant (Raw Water) and 807 Wells. Among the 2500 stations, 1275 are on rivers, 190 on lakes, 45 on drains, 41 on canals, 12 on tanks, 41 on creeks/ seawater, 79 on ponds, 10 Water Treatment Plant (Raw Water) and 807 are groundwater stations.

Further, CPCB is monitoring water quality in NCR, Delhi region at 101 locations in Delhi, 11 locations in Haryana, 17 locations in Rajasthan and 19 locations in Uttar Pradesh. As per the water quality data provided by the CPCB, parameters like Dissolved Oxygen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Faecal Coliform, Total Coliform etc. are not meeting the water quality standards at most of the places in NCR.