

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

- (a) the number and location-wise details of water quality monitoring Stations identified under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in Karnataka since 2009;
- (b) the number of monitoring stations which have been functioning successfully in the State; and
- (c) the details of preventive steps taken for controlling the quality of river water?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution in identified stretches of various rivers in the country, including Karnataka, under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for implementation of projects on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. 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.

Under NRCP in Karnataka, implementation of pollution abatement works has been taken up in 9 towns viz. Bangalore, Bhadravati, Davangere, Harihara, K.R.Nagar, Kollegal, Nanjangud, Shimoga and Srirangapatnam along identified polluted stretches of Cauvery, Pennar, Tunga, Bhadra and Tungabhadra rivers at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 66.25 crore. Sewage treatment capacity of 41.64 mld (million litres per day) has been created under NRCP in Karnataka. Water quality monitoring stations on these rivers were identified accordingly to evaluate the impact of NRCP works. However, since 2009, no additional monitoring stations have been identified.