

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:980

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CLEANING OF YAMUNA

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a review Committee on Yamuna pollution crisis and to keep all the rivers in the country pollution free;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to order an investigation on expenditure incurred on Yamuna till date;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to construct a high wall on both the banks of Yamuna; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said wall is likely to be constructed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There is no proposal to set up a review Committee on pollution of river Yamuna. However, conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and the State Governments. The Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution in identified stretches of various rivers, including Yamuna, 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, including Yamuna, in 195 towns spread over 20 States at sanctioned cost of Rs. 8904 crore. The various works taken up under NRCP pertain to sewerage/interception and diversion of sewage, sewage treatment plants, low cost sanitation, crematoria, river front development, etc. Till date, sewage treatment capacity of 4788 million litres per day (mld) has been created under the programme.

(c) to (f) No, Sir. Question does not arise.