

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISPOSAL OF UNTREATED WASTE WATER INTO YAMUNA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) monitoring shows that 65% of Delhi's waste water is disposed off untreated into the Yamuna river;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to check disposal of untreated waste water into the Yamuna river?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) As per the Central Pollution Control Board, approximately 3600 Million Liters Per Day (MLD) of sewage is generated in Delhi. The installed capacity of sewage treatment is 2350 MLD against which 1500 MLD of sewage is reaching the sewage treatment plants for treatment.

Conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments. River conservation projects including creation of infrastructure for sewage management and disposal are being implemented under National River Conservation Plan and other central schemes, such as Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and state schemes. Under the Yamuna Action Plan, Phase-II (YAP-II) launched by the Government of India, major works in Delhi include rehabilitation and laying of 30.82 km of trunk sewers and creation of sewage treatment plant (STP) of 135 mld capacity apart from rehabilitation of STPs of 324 mld capacity.

Further, in order to ensure that only treated waste water is discharged to the river Yamuna Govt. of NCT of Delhi / Delhi Jal Board has evolved a plan of laying interceptor sewers along the 3 major drains namely; Najafgarh, Supplementary and Shahdara. This work is envisaged to be completed under JNNURM in a phased manner.