

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pollution levels in Bharathapuzha and Pamba rivers in Kerala continues to increase;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to adopt the Integrated River Basin Management to protect these two rivers in Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) Under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme of Central Pollution Control Board, the water quality is monitored at 3 locations along the river Pamba and 2 locations along the river Bharathapuzha in Kerala. In both the rivers, water quality is meeting the prescribed standards for key parameters of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD). Faecal coliform levels, however, exceed the norms at some locations.

(c) to (e) A project for abatement of pollution of river Pamba in Kerala has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 18.45 crore under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). The project includes interception & diversion of sewage, sewage treatment plant, bathing ghats, community toilets, public participation etc. An amount of Rs 2.78 crore has been released to the State Government for implementation of the project. No proposal, however, has been received by this Ministry for the abatement of pollution of the river Bharathapuzha under NRCP.