

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

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BREAKDOWN OF WATER TREATMENT PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the water treatment units of Yamuna river in Delhi break down due to excessive release of ammonia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to check the release of excessive quantity of ammonia in Yamuna river by the industrial units; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a)& (b) The water treatment plants at Wazirabad and Chandrawal in Delhi receiving water from Yamuna through Wazirabad pond were partly operational on a few days from 13th to 24th January, 2014 due to excessive release of ammonia in Yamuna by discharge of sewage and industrial wastewater in Haryana.

(c)& (d) Controlling discharge of pollution from industries and sewage into the river is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments, municipalities and State Pollution Control Boards. However, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is coordinating with the State Governments of Delhi and Haryana as well as their agencies like Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) Haryana, Haryana Irrigation Department, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) and Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to control pollution from industries in Haryana and Delhi. CPCB has conducted joint inspection of point sources discharging into river Yamuna along with these agencies. Directions under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 have been issued from time to time. Further, CPCB has made an exhaustive survey of polluting sources of river Yamuna upstream of Wazirabad and reviewed the status of sewage treatment plants in Delhi and water quality problems in the Delhi stretch of the river. CPCB has also installed continuous water quality monitoring stations at Wazirabad and Okhla in Delhi.