

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:237

ANSWERED ON:12.03.2015

STUDY OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up special teams to study pollution related aspects at various places along the rivers Ganga, Yamuna and Ramganga;
- (b) if so, the details of terms of reference and the composition of the teams;
- (c) whether these teams have started their study and submitted any report; and
- (d) if so, the details of the reports so far submitted by them and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.237 TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 12TH MARCH, 2015 ON 'STUDY OF RIVERS' RAISED BY SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE AND SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN.

(a)&(b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has conducted water quality assessment of river Ganga, Yamuna and Ramganga on different occasions and published its reports, which includes 'Water Quality Status of Yamuna River (1999-2005) published in November, 2006; and 'Pollution Assessment : River Ganga' of July, 2013 (including report on river Ramganga). The CPCB has also assessed the water quality of 'River Yamuna and Agra Canal in Delhi stretch' till October, 2013 as per directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 27.08.1999.

Apart from the above, a study for assessment of the pollution load caused by the major drains discharging into the river Ganga was undertaken by this Ministry for 118 river front towns on the banks of river Ganga. The scope of study includes assessment of status of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), need for modernization, availability of power for running the STPs, status of O&M of STPs, status of 144 Nallas and scope for River Front Development. The study team consisted of experts from six different organizations under this Ministry namely, National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Central Water Commission (CWC), Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS), National Water Development Agency (NWDA), Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and National Projects Construction Corporation (NPCC).

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The team has submitted its report to this Ministry in December, 2014. The details of STPs inspected, sewage generated, existing STPs, treatment gap; details of drains discharging into the river Ganga as well as tributaries of river Ganga can be seen at Annexure-I. Based on this report and in line with the action plan drawn under 'Namami Gange', the State Governments have been requested to submit DPRs to execute projects that will help arrest pollution influx into the river especially from 118 identified towns / ULBs on both the banks of river Ganga.