GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1906 ANSWERED ON:23.07.2014 WATER QUALITY MONITORING Karadi Shri Sanganna Amarappa

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

- (a) whether the real time water quality monitoring system put in place in the country is not adequate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government received proposals from the State Governments for setting up adequate number of water quality monitoring stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)&(b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has installed 8 Real Time Water Quality Monitoring Stations (RTWQMS) on River Ganga and 2 on River Yamuna. The state- wise details are given at Annexure-I.

Besides these 10 RTWQMS, CPCB is monitoring water quality of aquatic sources through its network of 2500 station (manual) established under the National Water Monitoring Programme.

(c)&(d) As reported, the CPCB has not received any proposal from State Government for setting up of RTWQMS. However, CPCB is setting up 113 RTWQMS on river Ganga in 5 States namely; Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal under National Ganga River Basin Authority programme. These stations would monitor 13 core parameters on river Ganga and its tributaries. The details of proposed locations are given at Annexure-II.