

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

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POLLUTION OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Churni and Ichhamati rivers on the border of West Bengal are polluted by effluents of sugar mills situated at Into-Bangladesh border; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) West Bengal Pollution Control Board has reported industrial pollution of river Churni. Regarding pollution in Ichhamati river, no information is available in this Ministry.

(b) The issue of pollution of common rivers between India and Bangladesh including Churni has been raised with Bangladesh through several forums; including mechanisms under India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission and Border Security Forces-Boarder Guard Bangladesh level talks.