

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1171
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POLLUTION OF SARSIWA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water of the Sarsiwa river originating from Nepal and flowing through Raxaul in Bihar has got polluted and people/animals/ birds living alongside the river are falling sick after consuming the water of the river for the last few years;
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether any complaint has been made by the public representatives/ organisations in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring Water quality of the river Sarsiwa at two stations near Raxaul. The river Sarsiwa is polluted in the upstream of Raxaul due to large scale water abstraction and discharging of untreated/partially treated wastewater into it and is not meeting the water quality criteria in respect of some parameters.

The Central & State Pollution Control Boards are implementing the Water Act, 1974 to restore water quality.

(c) No Complaint in this regard has been received in Central Pollution Control Board.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (c) above.