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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4492**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2019

**Quality of Water in Rivers**

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

- (a) the number of centres set up in Madhya Pradesh under National River Conservation Plan to test the quality of water in rivers indicating the number of operational centres; and
- (b) the efforts being made by these centres to maintain the quality of water in rivers?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) and (b)) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in collaboration with the State Pollution Control Boards monitors the water quality of aquatic resources across the country through a network of 4022 monitoring stations under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme, of which 2017 stations are on rivers including 158 locations in Madhya Pradesh. The monitoring data of CPCB are provided to this Ministry for assessment and taking projects of pollution abatement under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP).

To improve the water quality of rivers, this Ministry supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for taking up works relating to interception & diversion of raw sewage, laying of sewer lines, setting up of sewage treatment plants, low cost sanitation facilities, improved wood crematoria, river front/bathing ghat development, etc. Project proposals are received from the State

Governments from time to time for taking up pollution abatement works in towns along various rivers, and are considered for financial assistance under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) subject to their conformity with the scheme guidelines, pollution status, prioritization, appraisal by independent institutions and availability of Plan funds.

Under NRCP, total 26 schemes have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 20.16 crores in 6 different towns of Madhya Pradesh State and Central funds amounting to Rs. 12.46 crores released to the State Government for implementation of pollution abatement works for rivers namely Tapi, Wainganga and Narmada. Sewage treatment capacity of 7.95 million litres per day has been created.

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