

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 621
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

SHALLOWING OF YAMUNA RIVER

621. SHRI RAJ KUMAR CHAHAR

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the river Yamuna in Agra city has become very shallow due to deposit of inorganic substances on its riverbed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps the Government proposes to initiate to remove such deposits and to restore the riverbed to its original condition;
- (c) the present pollution status of river Yamuna in Agra city and the initiatives taken and proposed to be taken to improve it;
- (d) whether any proposal for construction of barrage on the down stream of river Yamuna in Agra city is pending consideration of the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details along with the timeline and present status thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) Lower Yamuna Division, Central Water Commission (CWC) monitors the hydrological observations including cross-section of river Yamuna in Agra (Poiyaghat Station). As per available data, no significant change in the Yamuna river bed has been observed in last 5 years.

(c) U.P. Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) monitors the water quality of river Yamuna in Agra city at 5 places including upstream (U/S) of Agra city (Kailash Ghat) and downstream (D/S) of Agra city (Near Taj). As per latest water quality report of December 2020, Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) of river Yamuna at U/S is 12mg/lit and at D/S is 16.8 mg/lit.

Further, Water Quality of Yamuna River is being regularly monitored at Poiyaghat Station. Agra under Lower Yamuna Division, Central Water Commission. The Dissolved Oxygen(DO) and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) data have been plotted for last 5 years and no conclusive pattern of changes has been observed at Poiyaghat Station, Agra.

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has sanctioned a project "Agra Sewerage Scheme (I&D works) and construction of 10 Decentralized STPs" for creation of additional 178.60 MLD STP capacity at the estimated cost of Rs. 842.25 crore to cater to the sewage treatment demand till the year 2035.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.
