

Yamuna Action Plan

‡3414. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 1200 crores has been spent on Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) by Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any time schedule has been fixed by Government for the Yamuna Action Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) The first phase of the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP), covering 21 towns of UP, Delhi & Haryana commenced in April, 1993. A total expenditure of Rs. 682 crore was incurred under this phase which was completed in 2003. The second Phase of YAP, an ongoing programme, has commenced in December, 2004. Till September, 2009, an expenditure of Rs 226.89 crore has been incurred under this phase.

The projects taken up under YAP include interception and diversion of raw sewage, setting up of Sewage Treatment Plants, creation of low cost sanitation facilities, setting up of electric/improved wood crematoria etc. Sewage treatment capacity of 753.25 mld has been created so far under this Plan.

Conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments. Besides YAP, the Government of NCT of Delhi has taken up sewerage and sewage treatment works under other schemes to fully address the pollution load being discharged into Yamuna.

Sanctuaries and National Parks in Andhra Pradesh

3415. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the sanctuaries, national parks, biosphere reserves in Andhra Pradesh compared to other States; and
- (b) the funds released and spent during the last five years in the State, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) There are 6 National Parks, 21 Wildlife Sanctuaries and no Biosphere Reserves in Andhra Pradesh. In the other States/Union Territories of the country there are 94 National Parks, 492 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 20 Biosphere Reserves.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.