

(b) The European Union have not shared any proposal with the Government of India to bring maritime transport under the European Union Emission Trading Scheme(EU-ETS). However, International Maritime Organisation has discussed a proposal to implement a global levy on emissions from international shipping.

(c) to (e) Inclusion of civil aviation emissions under the EU-ETS is likely to adversely affect Indian airlines using European airports if the emissions of their carriers exceed the free allowances given to them under the EU-ETS. The Government of India has expressed concern to the European Union about this unilateral measure both at multilateral and bilateral level.

#### **National River Conservation Plan**

184. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has allocated funds to various States under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for river water cleaning during the past three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sought foreign assistance for conservation of rivers and making them pollution free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (d) The Centrally sponsored scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) covers polluted stretches of 39 rivers in 185 towns spread over 20 States. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in river conservation by undertaking pollution abatement works on a cost sharing basis under the Plan. An expenditure of Rs.4475 crore has been incurred and sewage treatment capacity of 4417 million litres per day (mld) has been created so far. A statement indicating the State-wise details of funds released during the last three years under the Plan is at Statement. (See below).

External assistance from bilateral/multilateral agencies is availed of from time to time by the Government. For the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I, loan assistance of Yen 17.77 billion was

provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Government of Japan and an assistance of Yen 13.33 billion is being availed for YAP Phase-II from the agency. JICA has agreed to provide a loan assistance of Yen 32.571 billion for the next phase of the Programme.

For pollution abatement of the river Ganga at Varanasi, an assistance of 11.184 billion Yen is being availed from JICA. A project with World Bank assistance for abatement of pollution of river Ganga at an estimated cost of Rs.7000 crore has been approved in April, 2011. The World Bank will provide financial assistance of US \$ 1 billion for the project.

**Statement**

*State-wise and Year-wise funds released during 2008 to 2011  
under National River Conservation Plan*

(Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	State	Funds Released by the Govt		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	25.38	36.89	0.00
2	Bihar	0.00	15.37	20.00
3	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Gujarat	1.49	0.00	0.39
5	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Karnataka	2.25	0.00	0.96
7	Maharashtra	0.35	7.38	11.82
8	Madhya Pradesh	3.35	0.90	0.00
9	Orissa	16.44	0.00	0.00
10	Punjab	0.00	0.00	45.75
11	Rajasthan	0.00	20.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5
12	Tamilnadu	9.52	3.10	0.00
13	Delhi	45.85	66.50	83.29
14	Haryana	20.80	14.90	4.10
15	Uttar Pradesh	105.60	112.80	238.59
16	Uttarakhand	2.50	17.94	31.88
17	West Bengal	29.60	57.08	194.13
18	Kerala	1.00	0.00	0.00
19	Sikkim	5.00	15.00	26.14
20	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		269.13	367.86	657.05

#### Forest Cover in the Country

185. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the forest survey report 2009, there was nearly 5 per cent increase in forest cover from 1997 to 2007 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indo-Australian scientists have claimed very recently that there is decline in India's natural forest cover by 1.5-2.7 per cent per year;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of Government to the study report by Indo-Australian scientists; and

(f) the reasons for publishing misleading report regarding increase in forest cover of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) The forest cover change from 1997 to 2007 as reported in