

concentration of one or the other criteria pollutants despite excessive monsoon flow in the river. However, in terms of BOD, an important water quality parameter, the water quality in the stretch of river Yamuna from Hathnikund to Palla meets the prescribed standards, while it does not meet the desired standards in the river stretch from Nizamuddin Bridge in Delhi to Agra.

Lifting of ban on tourism in tiger reserves

498. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any representation for lifting the ban on carrying out tourism activities in tiger reserves;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No. 21339/2011 - Ajay Dubey Vs National Tiger Conservation Authority and Others, a set of comprehensive guidelines under section 38-O (I)(c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for Project Tiger and Tourism in Tiger Reserves, has been notified by the National Tiger Conservation Authority on 15th October, 2012, considering the views of stakeholders. The said guidelines allow regulated tourism in tiger reserves.

National Health Mission

†499. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken a final decision to implement a scheme namely National Health Mission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that certain dispute has cropped up between the Planning Commission and the Ministry regarding the implementation of this scheme; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.