

Ministry of Environment and Forests vide notification dt. 13.10.2017 have fixed effluent discharge standards for Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs). Prior to this notification, there was no notification fixing effluent discharge standards for STPs.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the last three years 11 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) of 154 Million Litres Per Day (MLD) capacity have been created / rehabilitated.

#### **Adoption of villages along river Ganga**

1588. SHRI HARIVANSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to engage religious institutions and other similar bodies to adopt villages along the river Ganga and develop them as model villages;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether Government is thinking of working on such an idea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) The development of Ganga bank villages is conceptualized as a convergence program involving all concerned Union and State Ministries/ Departments and various other stakeholders including faith organisations. As of now, there is no plan to engage only religious institutions and other similar bodies to adopt villages along the Ganga and to develop them as model villages. However, the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation is co-ordinating for development of all villages along the bank of River Ganga as model villages called "Ganga Grams", with the active support from other stake holding Central Ministries, State Governments and their Departments, and all other stakeholders including civil society organisations and faith leaders. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has also constituted a Ganga Swachchata Manch, through which all other stakeholders may be encouraged to participate in this project.

#### **Flood forecasting centres**

†1589. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forecasting of flood is considered as one of the most reliable and cost effective non-infrastructural measures towards flood management;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.