

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 728**  
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021

**DRYING UP OF RIVERS DUE TO SAND MINING**

728 #        Shri Kailash Soni

Will the Minister of Jal Shakti be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that thousands of rivers have dried up due to sand mining; and
- (b) if so, the actual numbers thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) The flow in rivers is dynamic in nature and depends on many parameters, which among others include rainfall, its intensity & distribution in the catchments, characteristics of the catchments, withdrawal / utilizations of water etc. Central Water Commission (CWC) carries out Hydrological Observations on all important / major rivers in the country. CWC has informed that, no increasing / decreasing trend in water availability has been observed in major rivers in the country, over the last twenty years.

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