

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLLUTION OF RIVER BODIES

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) according to the 2022 report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), 603 rivers across the country were monitored, revealing that 311 river stretches across 279 rivers were polluted, whether Government has devised an action plan, issued advisories, or undertaken initiatives to address this issue, if so, details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons for not addressing this issue; and
- (c) whether Government has undertaken census of water bodies in the country, if so, the details of number of water bodies in urban and rural areas, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Cleaning/Rejuvenation of rivers is a continuous process. It is the primary responsibility of States/Union Territories (UTs) and Urban Local Bodies to ensure required treatment of sewage and industrial effluents to the prescribed norms before discharging into the rivers and other water bodies.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued orders Original Application No. 673/2018, in which the NGT directed that all States/UTs should prepare action plans for the rejuvenation of polluted river stretches in the country identified by CPCB. In compliance of these orders the States/UTs have got their action plan prepared and got approved from the competent authority. As per the direction, for monitoring, the implementation of said action plans is reviewed at all States/UTs and the central level.

Further, The Govt. of India has been supplementing efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial assistance for abatement of pollution in rivers/tributaries in Ganga basin through the Central Sector Scheme of Namami Gange Program, and the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for other rivers in the country.

(c) State-wise distribution of water bodies identified in the country can be accessed at:
<https://indiawris.gov.in/wris/#/swbody>
