

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLEANING OF YAMUNA RIVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of cleaning polluted Yamuna river;

(b) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General has criticised the Government for its failure to prevent misutilisation of funds and failing to do anything worth-while to improve the river; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) Phase-I was started by this Ministry in April, 1993 in the three States of U.P., Delhi & Haryana with support for funding from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and was completed in February, 2003. The total expenditure incurred on the project is Rs. 678.65 crore.

The JBIC has also committed financial assistance for implementation of the YAP Phase-II through this Ministry, for which a loan agreement was signed in March, 2003. The project was approved for the three States of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 624 crore in July, 2003. The major item of works to be implemented under the YAP Phase-II are:

Rehabilitation of trunk sewers (30.82 kms.) and works of Sewage Treatment Plants (135 mld new and 324 mld rehabilitation) in Delhi.

Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (38 mld) and Rehabilitation of Sewer Lines/Rising Mains (85.7 Kms.) in UP.

Rehabilitation of Sewer Lines (73 Kms.) and improvements in efficiencies of existing Sewage Treatment Plants in Haryana.

Preparation of Detailed Project Reports for projects to be taken up under future YAP Phase-III

In addition to the Yamuna Action Plan, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has also taken up large scale sewerage and sewage treatment works out of its own plan funds.

(b) & (c) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his report for the year ended March, 2000 on the Ganga Action Plan launched in the year 1985, had made observations on the pace of implementation of works of pollution abatement on the river Ganga including its tributaries, namely, Yamuna (through Yamuna Action Plan Phase-I), besides Gomti & Damodar. Necessary steps were taken to improve the monitoring of the project and the works under Yamuna Action Plan Phase-I have since been completed.