

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF FISHES DUE TO RIVER POLLUTANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether shoal of fishes are dying in several rivers of the country due to increasing toxic emissions and discharge of untreated effluents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to save fishes?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No authentic reports are available on mortality of fishes due to increasing toxic emissions and discharge of untreated effluents. To restore the river water quality, industries discharging untreated wastewater into rivers have been directed to set up adequate pollution control facilities in their respective units to comply with the discharge standards notified under Environment Protection Act, 1986 before disposal. Apart from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the State Pollution Control Boards are also monitoring water quality of receiving bodies for their designated best use.