

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

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STUDY ON CLEANING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any studies have been undertaken with regard to cleaning of peninsular rivers of the country including Godavari during the last three years as well as current year till date by different agencies/departments/institutes;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof, river-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Government on each of the reports submitted by them;
- (d) the funds made available and utilized alongwith the achievements made in cleaning the peninsular rivers so far, river-wise; and
- (e) the names of cities which have been benefited during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No specific studies have been undertaken with regard to cleaning of Peninsular rivers in the country during the last five years. However, Government of India is implementing National River Conservation Plan on a 70:30 cost sharing basis between Central and State Governments. The Action Plans for pollution abatement of Peninsular Rivers in the States of Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat are covered under National River Conservation Plan.

(d) & (e) Funds amounting to about Rs. 1479 crore have so far been sanctioned for pollution abatement of 18 rivers in these States. An amount of Rs. 495.35 crore have been released by Government of India and an expenditure of Rs. 498.24 crore (including State share) has been incurred by the States till March, 2004. Out of 185 schemes sanctioned in 39 towns, 67 schemes have already been completed. The Statewise, townwise and riverwise details are at Annexure.