

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

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

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded any proposal for inclusion of some more rivers of the State in the river improvement plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government of Maharashtra has submitted detailed project proposals for pollution abatement works for six rivers namely, Panchganga, Krishna, Bhima, Tapi, Godavari and Rangawali for approval under the National River Conservation Plan during the Tenth Five Year Plan. These proposals include pollution abatement works for Kolhapur town along river Panchganga (costing Rs. 49.74 crore), Wai town along river Krishna (costing Rs. 53.83 crore), Pandharpur town along river Bhima (costing Rs. 26.57 crore), Prakasha town along river Tapi (costing Rs. 4.62 crore), Paithan town along river Godavari (costing Rs. 15.72 crore) and Nawapur town along river Rangawali (costing Rs. 4.55 crore). These projects could not be considered for approval as the outlay available under the Tenth Five Year Plan is less than the sanctioned cost of projects already approved under the National River Conservation Plan. However, it was suggested that the State Government may undertake these projects out of the State Plan provisions by seeking necessary funds from the Planning Commission including exploring the possibility of initiating the projects with public-private partnership. Subsequently, on seeking the comments on project reports related to the towns of Pandharpur, Prakasha and? Paithan by the Planning Commission, these were examined in the Ministry and found to be lacking in important details and requisite information. Accordingly, the Government of Maharashtra has been intimated to revise these project reports.