

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

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CREATION OF VOLUNTARY NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create a voluntary national youth corps to take up river cleaning and beautification programme in the country;
- (b) If so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the details of action plan prepared by the Government for the said purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the said corps is likely to be created?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) Public participation and Public awareness are a part of the ongoing river conservation programme. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has initiated steps for creating a Voluntary National Youth Corps. This would provide, inter alia, for deployment of volunteers to various tasks by the Departments/Ministries in Government of India as well as by the State Governments. This Corps may be utilized for creating public awareness to check activities which contribute to pollution in the river, organizing voluntary campaigns etc.