

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:298
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NATIONAL RIVER CONSERVATION PLAN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to include more rivers in the National River Conservation Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments including the State Government of Maharashtra in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 298 to be answered on Wednesday, the 9th December 2009 on `National River Conservation Plan`

(a) to (e) The river conservation programme started with the launching of the Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Phase-I in the year 1985. Subsequently, major tributaries of the river Ganga, namely, Yamuna, Gomti and Damodar were included under the GAP-II. In the year 1995, National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) was initiated covering 18 rivers in 46 towns spread over 10 States. Proposals received from State Governments from time to time for inclusion of additional rivers/towns in the NRCP are considered based upon the funds available under the Plan, degree of pollution, scope of coverage of works under other Central Plan Schemes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission and the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns, State Governments` commitment for contribution of matching share of costs etc. This Plan presently covers 38 rivers in 167 towns spread over 20 States. The state wise details of rivers covered under NRCP are given in the Annexure.

In the State of Maharashtra, Krishna River along Karad and Sangli, Godavari River along Nashik, Trimbakeshwar and Nanded, Tapi River along Prakasha and Panchganga River along Kolhapur are included in the NRCP. No new proposal for inclusion of more rivers or towns under NRCP has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.