

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONTAMINATION OF SUTLEJ RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the water of Sutlej river is being contaminated due to the presence of harmful chemicals;
- (b) if so, the details of studies conducted in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government along with the funds allocated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE).(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) have informed that it is the responsibility of the State Governments/ local bodies to identify polluted rivers, take appropriate corrective steps in consonance with the State Pollution Control Boards, and to evaluate the impact thereof. The MoEF&CC is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the problem of pollution in identified stretches of major rivers under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), including the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) programme. The projects under NRCP and NGRBA are being implemented on a cost-sharing basis between the Centre and State Government.

(b) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under MoEF&CC has in its report of 2010 identified 150 polluted stretches of rivers in the country based on BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand), a critical parameter of water quality levels taking into account the water quality monitoring done by them in collaboration with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs). The stretch on river Sutlej, downstream of Zenith Paper Mill at Bridge Harike, Amritsar, is included in the above list, as per details below:

Polluted Stretch	Monitoring Location	Critical Parameters	Priority assigned by CPCB for taking up cleaning works
D/S of Zenith Paper Mill	# 100m D/S Budha Nala	48	1
to Bridge	# D/S East Bein	6.2	
Harike, Amritsar	# Boat Bdg.	18	
(Punjab) Road, Jalandhar	Dharmkotnakodar		
# 1 Km. D/S of Zenith		22	

(c) Details of the works pertaining to river Sutlej presently included under NRCP are placed at Annexure – I.