

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3614**

ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

**POLLUTED STRETCH ON RIVER GODAVARI**

3614. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rayanpeta to Rajahmundry stretch on River Godavari in the State of Andhra Pradesh has been identified as one of the polluting stretches in the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to clean the above stretch and by when the work is going to be completed;
- (d) whether there is any plan to have Namami Godavari project on the lines of Namami Ganga; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) to (c)** Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in association with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in different States/Union Territories (UTs) have been monitoring the water quality of rivers and other water bodies through a network of monitoring stations under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP). Based on water quality monitoring results, pollution assessment of rivers has been carried out by CPCB from time to time. As per the latest report published by CPCB in November, 2022, 311 polluted river stretches (PRS) were identified on 279 rivers based on monitoring results in terms of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), an indicator of organic pollution. 106 PRS, including the stretch from Rayanpeta to Rajahmundry along river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh, that figured in September, 2018 Report of CPCB have been delisted from the list of polluted stretches published in November, 2022.

Cleaning/rejuvenation of rivers is an ongoing process. Water is a State subject, and it is the responsibility of the States/UTs, local bodies and industries to ensure treatment of sewage and industrial effluents to the prescribed norms before discharging into water bodies or land to prevent and control pollution therein. For conservation of rivers, this Ministry has been supplementing efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial and technical assistance for abatement of pollution in identified stretches of rivers in the country through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation

Plan (NRCP) for rivers excluding Ganga and its tributaries. Proposals are received from the States/UTs from time to time for consideration under NRCP and sanctioned based on their prioritization, conformity with guidelines, availability of Plan funds, etc.

Under NRCP, project for pollution abatement of river Godavari at Rajahmundry was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.21.79 crore, where inter-alia, a sewage treatment plant of 30.00 million liters per day (mld) capacity was created.

Another Project for "Pollution abatement and conservation of River Godavari at Rajamahendravaram" was sanctioned under NRCP in March, 2022 at a cost of Rs. 88.43 crore, for construction of STP of 50.6 mld capacity at Hukumpet existing 30.00 mld capacity STP site. The project is scheduled for completion by March, 2025.

**(d) to (e)** Presently, there is no such plan for Namami Godavari project.

\*\*\*\*\*