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STATUS OF NRCP FOR NARMADA RIVER

2637 #. SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that despite covering a distance of about 120 km from Narmadapuram, the district is not included in National River Conservation Plan (NRCP);
- (b) the expected timeline for including Narmadapuram in the ambit of NRCP;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for conservation and restoration of rivers in the State of Madhya Pradesh particularly in Narmadapuram; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to avert pollution in Narmada river particularly near Narmadapuram?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) It is the primary responsibility of States/ Union territories and Urban Local Bodies to ensure required treatment of sewage and industrial effluents to the prescribed norms before discharging into the rivers and other water bodies. Union Government supports the efforts of the State/ Union Territories through schemes like Namami Gange and the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). NRCP is applicable throughout the country except Ganga basin area, for which a separate scheme by the name of Namami Gange is being implemented.

Funds are not earmarked/allocated to States/Union Territories/Districts but are allocated to projects approved under NRCP. The States/Agencies prepare the pollution abatement projects which are funded under this scheme, subject to conformity with guidelines, third-party evaluation and availability of financial resources.

Under NRCP, projects for pollution abatement of the river Narmada were implemented at Hosangabad and Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh at a total sanctioned cost of Rs.14.33 crore. Further, Narmada has been included among six rivers for a biodiversity study through the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
