

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 724**

ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

**POLLUTION OF YAMUNA AND OTHER RIVERS DESPITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

724. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH

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

- (a) whether rivers such as the Yamuna continue to be polluted despite the treatment of wastewater;
- (b) the underlying reasons contributing to the persistent pollution of these rivers;
- (c) whether it is a fact that several Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are not functioning according to the required standards, leading to inadequate treatment of wastewater and the failure to clean river water effectively?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) & (b)** The common underlying reasons for pollution in rivers are;

- i. Discharge of untreated/ partially treated sewage into rivers due to gap in treatment capacity and sewage generation;
- ii. Absence of Effluent Treatment Plants/Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) in some industries/ industrial pockets;
- iii. Delay in completion of new sewage treatment projects and rehabilitation and/or upgradation of sewage treatment projects.

**(c)** As informed by CPCB the Status of sewerage treatment plants functioning is given as under: -

<b>SPCB/ PCC</b>	<b>No of STPs</b>	<b>No. of Complying STPs</b>
Uttarakhand (October, 2024)	69	65
Himachal Pradesh (July-August, 2024)	80	52
Haryana (August, 2024)	84	68
Delhi (November 2024)	39	16 (w.r.t standards prescribed by DPCC).
Uttar Pradesh (October, 2024)	148	124

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