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CLEANING AND BEAUTIFICATION OF THE KAVERI RIVER

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans for the cleaning and beautification of the Kaveri river across the Kumbakonam to Mayiladuthurai stretch, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the TDS level of Kaveri river in Kumbakonam and the steps taken for the control of pollution in Kaveri river and the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (b) It is the primary responsibility of States/Union Territories (UTs) 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.

The Govt. of India has been supplementing efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial assistance for abatement of pollution in rivers/tributaries in Ganga basin through the Central Sector Scheme of Namami Gange Program, and the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for other rivers in the country.

Proposals for pollution abatement works, received from the States/UTs from time to time for consideration under NRCP, are sanctioned based on their prioritization, conformity with NRCP guidelines, independent appraisal, commitment of the States to bear the share towards Capex, full operation and maintenance cost, availability of plan funds, etc.

As per the Annual Report 2023 published by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, TDS level in river Kaveri at Kumbakonam was found in the range of 322 – 332 milligram per litre. Annual Report can be accessed at: -

<https://tnpcb.gov.in/pdf/wq/AnnualRptNWMP2023.pdf>

For conservation of the river Kaveri, sewage treatment plants (STPs) of capacity 17 million litres per day (MLD) had been set up at Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu under NRCP.
