

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.81
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2017

Discharge of Polluted Water into Rivers

81. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the discharge of poisonous and polluted wastewater by distillery unit of Riga sugar mill in Sitamarhi district of Bihar into Manusmara river, thereby, destroying the fertility of thousands of acres of land and lives of human beings and domestic animals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to make Manusmara river pollution free; and
- (d) the success achieved by the Government as a result thereof so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has inspected the distillery unit of M/s Riga Sugar Mill several times and has issued necessary directions to check pollution from the unit. In compliance of the directions issued by CPCB, the unit has discontinued diversion of spent wash to the Manusmara River; leakage of spent wash into press mud stored in open field has been arrested and the field has been converted into banana plantation; the contaminated press mud has been shifted to the press mud storage area in the bio composting yard; excess storage capacity of lagoon has been nullified by providing red colored marking and measuring scale at the lagoon; practice of land application of spent wash has been discontinued and the tankers used for the same has been dismantled. The unit has also installed Bio-digester, Reverse Osmosis (RO) and Multi Effect Evaporator (MEE) and has provided connectivity of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) to CPCB server. Further, the analysis of Manusmara river water samples from 9 locations and ground water samples from 7 locations does not indicate any contamination from industrial discharge.
