

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2018

Pollution in Narmada River

1361. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of increasing pollution in Narmada river which fulfils the need of water in four States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether pollution level at origin point of the Narmada is at the highest level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the name of the most polluted places at the Narmada river?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in association with the State Pollution Control Boards monitors the water quality of river Narmada in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat at 26 locations on regular basis. CPCB have informed that as per the water quality assessment for the year 2016, out of 26 locations, 2 locations at downstream of Hoshangabad town in Madhya Pradesh and Chandod Taluka in Gujarat are not meeting the water quality criteria for bathing with respect to Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), a key indicator of organic pollution. However, river water quality with respect to Fecal Coliform is meeting the bathing criteria at all other locations, except at Bharuch in Gujarat. CPCB has also reported that river Narmada at its origin in Amarkantak is complying with the designated water quality criteria with respect to all parameters.
