

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2018

Pollution in rivers

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

- (a) whether any awareness campaigns were conducted for checking pollution in rivers, dying marine ecosystems and degradation of environment in urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken towards reducing water pollution of rivers in urban areas?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is implementing Environment Education, Awareness and Training scheme with an objective to promote environmental awareness among all sections of the society and to mobilize people's participation for conservation of environment. On the occasion of the World Environment Day, 2018, which was hosted by India, a campaign on the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution" was undertaken by MoEF&CC from 23rd May, 2018 to 10th June, 2018. The campaign included cleaning up of 24 identified beach stretches and 24 identified riverine stretches in various states with the involvement of school children, eco-club schools and general public including Government officials. On the above occasion, mini marathons were also organized in Delhi and also in four locations in the country, namely, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Shillong, and Gandhinagar which were participated in large numbers by school children and general public. Awareness about various environmental issues including pollution in rivers, marine ecosystems and degradation of environment in urban areas were also undertaken under National Green Corps programme of the Ministry.
- (c) The MoEFCC is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution in rivers under the scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) on a cost sharing basis between Central and State Government. So far, under the scheme, polluted stretches of 32 rivers in 76 towns spread over 14 States have been covered and sewage treatment capacity of 2472.43 MLD has been created.
