

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3192**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019

**CLEANING UP OF BUDHA NALLA IN LUDHIANA**

3192. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned any funds for the cleaning up of the Buddha Nalla in Ludhiana and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to aid the State Government of Punjab for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government intends to send a team to assist the municipal council of Ludhiana; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (d) Water is a State subject therefore the State Governments/concerned local bodies to set up proper facilities for collection & treatment of sewage being generated and ensure that untreated sewage is not discharged into the rivers / drains. Buddha Nalla is a non-perennial natural drain, approximately 51 km in length, which meets river Sutlej at village Walipur in District Ludhiana, Punjab.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution of identified stretches of various rivers through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) being implemented through National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD), for implementation of projects on cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. The Ministry has sanctioned 20 schemes at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 133.51 crores for pollution abatement of river Sutlej in the town of Ludhiana. Under the project, three sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) having total capacity of 311 million litre per day (mld) along with other sewerage infrastructure have been created in Ludhiana. In addition a scheme "In-situ Treatment of Sewage through Bioremediation in Buddha Nalla, Ludhiana, Punjab", at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 15.28 crore, was also sanctioned under NRCP by this

Ministry. Under the project, five green bridges (at the downstream of Buddha Nalla before its confluence with river Sutlej) have been created to improve the water quality of Buddha Nalla before it discharges into river Sutlej.

The Ministry has also sanctioned two schemes for construction of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) having treatment capacity of 40 mld and 15 mld at a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 79.38 crores to reduce the pollution load from industries coming to Buddha Nalla and ultimately discharging into river Sutlej. From time to time officials of Ministry and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) visits the various ongoing project sites / towns and give requisite assistance / advice / directions to take appropriate pollution abatement measures by the concerned authorities.

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