

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1939
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

National River Conservation Programme

1939. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National River Conservation Plan has been extended to the State of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details of all rivers and lakes in Odisha covered under the plan;
- (c) whether the Jawai and Luni rivers are covered under the National River Conservation Plan, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to tackle the water pollution in Jawai and Luni rivers in Odisha, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (d) It is the primary responsibility of the States/UTs/ Local Bodies and Industrial Units to ensure required treatment of sewage and industrial effluents to the prescribed standards before discharging into water bodies, seas or land to prevent and control pollution. Cleaning and rejuvenation of rivers are ongoing activities. Ministry of Jal Shakti supplements efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial and technical assistance for abatement of pollution in identified stretches of rivers through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) excluding river Ganga and its tributaries in the country. NRCP has so far covered polluted stretches on 36 rivers in 80 towns spread over 16 States including Odisha in the country, with the project sanctioned cost of Rs. 6248.16 crore, and inter-alia, a sewage treatment capacity of 2745.7 million liters per day (MLD) has been created.

Under NRCP, projects for pollution abatement of two rivers Brahmani (at Chandbali, Dharamshala, Talcher towns) and Mahanadi (at Cuttack town), and also for coastal area at Puri were sanctioned in the State of Odisha at total cost of Rs.92.74 crore. Works include setting up of three STPs of total capacity of 50 MLD along with interception & diversion, sewerage system, low cost sanitation facilities, improved wood crematoria, river front development, etc.

Rivers/water bodies are considered under NRCP if proposals are received from States. So far, no such proposal for the rivers Luni and Jawai has been received from the State/UT Govt. for consideration under NRCP.
