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MONITORING STATIONS UNDER NWMP

3734. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any monitoring stations under National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) to monitor the quality of the river water and other water bodies in Satara district of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the report published by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) indicates any polluted river stretches in Satara district of Maharashtra; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government has taken any measures or given any financial assistance for dealing with the problem of river water pollution and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in association with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in different States/Union Territories (UTs) have been monitoring the water quality of rivers and other water bodies through a network of 4484 monitoring stations under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) from time to time in the Country. As per the latest CPCB report published in November 2022, 311 polluted river stretches were identified on 279 rivers based on monitoring results in terms of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels, an indicator of organic pollution.

Under this programme, 12 stations on 5 rivers namely Krishna, Venna, Koyna, Nira, and Urmodi were monitored during the years 2019 and 2021 in Satara district of Maharashtra. Out of 12 monitoring locations, 11 were found to be polluted with BOD value exceeding 3.0 milligram/litre (mg/l) and the details of polluted river stretches identified on the aforesaid five rivers are given below:

S. No.	River	Identified polluted river stretch	Maximum BOD observed (mg/ l)	Priority Class
1	Krishna	Along Mahabaleshwar and along Satara	11.0	III
2	Nira (Krishna)	Sarola to Sangavi	15.0	III
3	Koyna	Along Karad	7.5	IV
4	Urmodi	Along Nagthane	6.8	IV
5	Venna	Mahabaleshwar to Mahuli	7.2	IV

Cleaning/rejuvenation of rivers is an ongoing process. Water is a State subject, and it is the responsibility of the States/UTs, local bodies and industries to ensure treatment of sewage and industrial effluents to the prescribed norms before discharging into water bodies or land to prevent and control pollution therein. For conservation of rivers, this Ministry has been supplementing efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial and technical assistance for abatement of pollution in identified stretches of rivers in the country through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for rivers excluding Ganga and its tributaries. Proposals are received from the States/UTs from time to time for consideration under NRCP and sanctioned based on their prioritization, conformity with guidelines, availability of Plan funds, etc.

No project has been received from the State Government and sanctioned for the conservation of the aforesaid rivers under this scheme.
