

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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STEPS TO SAVE DYING RIVERS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is seriously contemplating to save the rivers from dying;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to take any steps in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) The flow in the rivers is dynamic and depends on many parameters such as rainfall, its distribution and intensity in the catchment, catchment characteristics and withdrawals/ utilizations of water in the basin. Central Water Commission (CWC), Ministry of Jal Shakti monitors important/major rivers. Considering annual average flows of last 20 years of terminal sites of major rivers, no appreciable increasing/decreasing trend in total water availability has been observed.

Central Government is supplementing the efforts of State Government in river rejuvenation through programmes like “Namami Gange” and “National River Conservation Plan”.
