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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 653

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CANCER DUE TO POLLUTED WATER

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the situation in Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh where people of 150 villages are suffering from cancer due to the discharge of acidic and arsenic-laden waste water from the industries into the Krishna, Kali and Hindon rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to resolve these issues?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Two rivers, the Krishna and Hindon, flow through the Baghpat District in Uttar Pradesh, while the Kali (West) river converges with the Hindon before entering Baghpat.

As informed by Uttar Pradesh Government, no cancer patients or serious diseases have been reported in the health camps organised near the Hindon and Krishna rivers.

As per the information of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), River water quality was found in the neutral range (pH-7.2) and no arsenic (BDL) was detected in the Krishna river in the Baghpat district. After confluence of River Hindon with River Krishna, water quality of river Hindon having pH-7.7 & Arsenic-0.005 mg/l respectively.

(c) Under the Namami Gange Programme for pollution abatement for River Hindon, river Kali (west) and river Krishna, NMCG has sanctioned total 9 projects (10 STPs) costing Rs. 1479.48 crore for creation 283 MLD STP treatment capacity of domestic wastewater from Baghpat, Saharanpur, Shamli, Muzaffarnagar. Out of these 9 projects, 2 projects have already been completed.

Solid & liquid waste management works of the villages of District Baghpat have been covered under the Swachh Bharat Mission Rural Phase II.

As per information from the Uttar Pradesh Government, 55 no. Ground water-based drinking water supply schemes were sanctioned and completed. Currently, purified drinking water from these 55 schemes is being supplied to the villages.

Further, Health camps are organized in the villages situated near Hindon River from time to time.
