

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2016

Cleaning of Godavari River

2539. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 82% of Godavari river has become polluted and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to take any steps for its cleaning on the lines of river Ganga by creating a separate Ministry and providing funds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) As per the report of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) published in February, 2015, based on Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) level in rivers, three stretches of river Godavari namely Someshwar temple to Rahed in Maharashtra, Basar to Khammam in Telangana and Rayanpeta to Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh, have been identified as polluted stretches.

The Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in pollution abatement of various rivers through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), which is being implemented on cost sharing basis between the Central and the State Governments. For pollution abatement of river Godavari at Nashik, Trimbakeshwar and Nanded in Maharashtra and Bhadrachalam, Mancherial, & Ramagundam in Telangana and Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh, schemes pertaining to interception & diversion of sewage, sewage treatment plants (STPs), improved wood crematoria, river front development, afforestation, etc. have been implemented at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 118.98 crore under NRCP and sewage treatment capacities of 127 million litres per day (mld) in Maharashtra, 28.46 mld in Telangana and 30 mld in Andhra Pradesh have been created, respectively.

(b) & (c) There is no proposal under the Central Government for creating a separate Ministry for river Godavari.
