

OVER 5,800 CRORE SANCTIONED FOR CLEANING 34 POLLUTED RIVERS: ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

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Plastic and other waste matter seen floating on the severely polluted Yamuna river that flows through at Kalindi Kunj in the capital city of New Delhi. File | Photo Credit: [Shiv Kumar Pushpakar](#)

Over 5,800 crore has been sanctioned for pollution abatement at 34 river stretches in 16 States across the country, excluding River Ganga, the Environment Ministry has said.

Out of the total of 5,870 crore sanctioned under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), the Centre has released its share of 2,522 crore to States, Minister of State for Environment Babul Supriyo recently told the Lok Sabha.

Project proposals are received from States from time to time to take up pollution abatement works in towns along various rivers and are considered for financial assistance under the NRCP.

NRCP has covered polluted stretches of 34 rivers in 77 towns spread over 16 States at a sanctioned cost of 5870.55 crore, the Minister of State said while responding to a query in this regard.

In the last one year, 143 crore has been released to nine States for pollution abatement in rivers under NRCP, the Minister said.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in association with the State Pollution Control Boards, monitors the water quality of rivers on a regular basis.

351 stretches of polluted rivers have been identified by the apex pollution body.

On another question on lakes and wetlands conservation, the Ministry said it has released 181 crores to 20 States for pollution abatement in lakes and wetlands in last three years, with 1.58 crore being released in the current financial year so far.

The Environment Ministry is currently implementing a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme named National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-systems(NPCA) under which 180 wetlands, including lakes, have been prioritised for conservation and management, the Minister said.

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