

**O.A. No. 673/2018**

**(News item published in “The Hindu” authored by  
Shri Jacob Koshy titled “More river stretches are  
now critically polluted: CPCB.)**

## OA 673/2018 - Background

- Hon'ble NGT orders in OA No- 673/2018 (News item published in "The Hindu" authored by Shri Jacob Koshy titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB) Dated 20.09.18, 19.12.18, 08.04.19, 06.12.2019, 29.06.2020 & 22.02.21.
- River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC), U.P. Constituted.
- Action plans of Priority-I River Stretches (Yamuna, Varuna, Kali-East & Hindon) have been approved by RRC & CPCB.
- Remaining 08 River Action Plans of Priority- III to V have also been approved by RRC.
- Action Plan for additional Two Rivers Ami and Tamsa were also prepared and approved by RRC.

# Hon'ble NGT Orders in OA No- 673/2018

Order Dated : 22-02-2021

- **National River Rejuvenation Mechanism” (NRRM)** may be devised by MOJS for more effective monitoring of pollution control & rejuvenation of polluted river stretches.
- Mechanism under the 2016 notification being statutory and exhaustive, maybe adopted for all the river stretches.
- The Empowered Task Force on river Ganga headed by Union Minister of Jal Shakti to discharge all functions in relation to all the polluted river stretches.
- Central Mechanism to enforce directions for collecting compensation for the failure to commence/complete sewage treatment projects or implementing interim remediation measures.
- Responsibility to pay compensation on behalf of the State will be of the Chief Secretaries in term of order dt. 19.12.2018 in OA 673/2018.

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- Further, failure to comply order shall be punishable with imprisonment upto three years or fine upto Rs. 10 crores with additional fine for continuing offence.
- Chief Secretaries and PCBs must work in mission mode for strict compliance of timelines for commencing new projects, completing ongoing projects and adopting interim phyto / bio-remediation measures , failing which compensation in terms of earlier orders be deposited with the MoJS, to be utilised in the respective States as per action plan to be approved by the NRRM.
- Other steps in terms of action plans for abatement of pollution and rejuvenation of rivers, be taken effectively.
- The process of rejuvenation of rivers may be applicable to all small, medium and big polluted rivers, including those dried up
- The chief secretaries may personally monitor progress at least once every month.

## Identified River Stretches

Priority	Number of Rivers	Name River	BOD
Priority-I	04	Hindon , Kali ( East ) , Yamuna & Varuna	BOD>30 mg/l
Priority-III	01	Gomti	(BOD b/w 10-20 mg/l)
Priority-IV	02	Ganga & Ramganga	(BOD b/w 6-10mg/l)
Priority-V	05	Betwa, Ghaghara, Rapti, Sai & Saryu.	(BOD b/w 3-6 mg/l)
<b>Total</b>		<b>12 Rivers</b>	

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Action Plan for two additional Rivers Ami and Tamsa were also prepared and approved by RRC.

## Overall Status of Sewage Treatment Plant

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Existing no. of STPs and Treatment Capacity (in MLD)</b>	
1	Total Sewage Generation in U.P	<b>5500</b>
2	Total number of STPs	<b>110</b>
3	Installed Capacity of 110 STPs	<b>3486</b>
4	Total capacity of 43 nos of STP under Construction	963.05
5	Total capacity of 15 nos of STP sanctioned	<b>405.06</b>
6	Proposed capacity of 28 STPs in 37 DPR under preparation	<b>822.60</b>
7	Sub total (S No. 2 to 5)	<b>5677.25</b>
8	Gap (5500-5677.25)	NIL

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### Compliance Status of STPs

Total No of complying STPs out of 110	84
<u>No. of Non-complying STPs</u> (Oct 21 to Dec 21)	<b>21</b>
No. of Non-Operational STPs	<b>05</b>
STPs Under Construction (963.05 MLD)	<b>43</b>
STPs Under Tendering (559.60)	<b>23</b>

# Status of Drains in OA 673/2018

As per the Drains identified in the Action Plan prepared by UPPCB for polluted River Stretches of U. P. in OA 673/2018

River Ganga		River Yamuna	
Total No. of Drains	85	Total No. of Drains	35
Tapped Drains	13	Tapped Drains	06
Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	69	Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	29
River Kali		River Ramganga	
Total No. of Drains	09	Total No. of Drains	28
Tapped Drains	00	Tapped Drains	14
Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	09	Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	14



# Status Major Drains

<b>River Gomti</b>		<b>River Hindon</b>	
Total No. of Drains	69	Total No. of Drains	31
Tapped Drains	19	Tapped Drains	01
Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	50	Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	30
<b>River Betwa</b>		<b>River Varuna</b>	
Total No. of Drains	02	Total No. of Drains	14
Tapped Drains	00	Tapped Drains	14
Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	02	Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	00

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<b>River Saryu</b>		<b>River Sai</b>	
Total No. of Drains	21	Total No. of Drains	06
Tapped Drains	05	Tapped Drains	00
Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	16	Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	06
<b>River Rapti</b>		<b>River Ghaghra</b>	
Total No. of Drains	15	Total No. of Drains	09
Tapped Drains	00	Tapped Drains	00
Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	15	Partially Tapped & Untapped Drains	09