

'No Untreated Effluents Into River By 2027'

Haryana To NGT: 540MLD Being Released Into Yamuna Currently

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New Delhi: Around 540 million litres per day (MLD) of untreated effluent is released into the Yamuna from 11 drains in Haryana, according to a report submitted by the Haryana government to National Green Tribunal (NGT). The report stated that the entire effluent was likely to be treated by 2027. **TOI** earlier reported that around 647 MLD of untreated waste water from Delhi went into the river.

According to the recent status report submitted by the additional chief secretary of the Haryana government, 11 drains carry 921MLD treated and 540MLD untreated effluent. "The overall water quality has improved in comparison with the previous year though a lot of work is yet to be done to achieve the objectives. As per the action plan submitted, the entire effluent is likely to be treated by 2027," said the report.

The report said that during the past one year, two 33MLD sewage treatment plants (STPs) had been constructed and commissioned, and three STPs of 30MLD capacity had been upgraded to achieve stringent norms. "Currently, 25 STPs of 469MLD capacity are under upgradation to achieve the latest standards and likely to be completed by December 2025. The state has planned construction of infrastructure for reuse of treated sewage at 34

STPs of 479MLD capacity and the work for STPs considered in phase-I is likely to be completed by October 31, 2025," said the report.

TOI reported last week that National Mission for Cleaning Ganga (NMCG) had decided to provide a company of Territorial Army to Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to ensure monitoring of all drains and sub-drains that directly fall into the Yamuna and are yet to be trapped.

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As per a presentation made by DPCC in the meeting, of the 18 major drains falling into the Yamuna in Delhi, seven are left from trapping and a detailed timeline has been prepared by the agencies to complete the work. Similarly, there are about 70 sub-drains and many unrecorded smaller drains that fall into the Najafgarh, Shahdara and the supplementary drains, which will be closed in 2023.

Dissatisfied with the growth in the revival of Yamuna, NGT in January constituted a high-level committee, which will meet every week to take stock of the situation.