

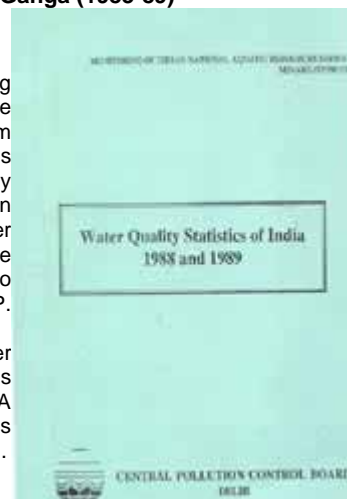
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Status and Trend of Water Quality of River Ganga (1983-89) Foreword

The River Ganga is part of the life of millions of people through the ages along its entire course from its origin at Gangotri in the Himalayas to its confluence with the sea in the Bay of Bengal. The river is put to several uses ranging from drinking, bathing, propagation of fisheries and wildlife, agriculture besides serving as a recipient of both domestic and industrial discharges from many towns/cities on its banks. The Central Pollution Control Board has brought out in the past a comprehensive basin report ADSORBS/7/1982-83 on the river Ganga. Based on the report the Ganga Action Plan (GAP) was prepared in the year 1984 followed by the establishment of Central Ganga Authority (CGA) to implement the GAP.

The Central Board has been conducting water quality monitoring on this river since 1979 at 43 locations under its Monitoring of Indian Aquatic Resources (MINARS) programme. However, there has been a slight change after CGA came into being with water quality being currently monitored at 27 locations under GAP spread over the three states Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.



The three State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) conduct the sampling and water analysis.

The central Pollution Control Board receives, water quality data from the SPCBs, compiles & analyses these data. Since water quality data upto 1982 has already been discussed in CPCBs report ADSORBS/7/1982-83 in the present report, the water quality status of the river is presented graphically and in the form of statistical tables based on the data collected between the period 1983-1989.

The participation and co-operation extended by the State Pollution Control Boards is gratefully acknowledged.

This report containing about 150 graphs along with the statistical tables provide a comprehensive view of the quality of the R. Ganga.

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