

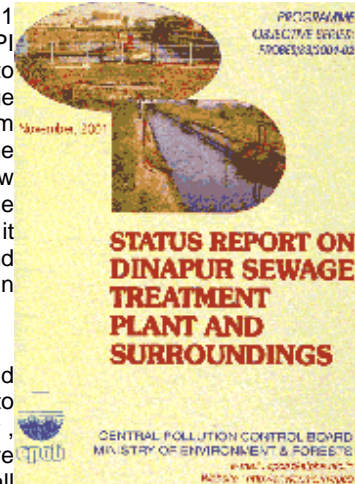
Status report on Dinapur Sewage Treatment Plant and Surroundings

Foreword

Domestic sewage is the most significant contributor of water pollution in 1 country leading to deterioration of our water bodies. The Ganga Action Plan (GAP) was the first major step towards containment of this menace and to restore the river Ganga. The first phase of GAP witnessed series of sewage treatment plants installed on all major urban agglomerations right from Uttarakhnad to We Bengal. The major emphasis was to tap and divert the sewage for irrigation to ti extent possible after treatment and to allow excess treated sewage to enter tt river. The scheme gave some relief to the rivers and provided treated sewage f(irrigation to needy areas. However it has posed problem of contamination i: ground water, soils, crops and health hazard due to in effective operation of sewagl treatment plants in some areas

A team of CPCB, Zonal Office Kanpur led by Sri B.P. Shukla SEE and Sh.A.Chattopadhyay EE took up a year long comprehensive study to assess the perfonnance and impact of sewage treatment plant at Dinapur , Varanasi. The recommendations made on implementation could help solve the problem to a great extent. We hope, the report will be useful to all concerned.

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