

Industrial Pollution

- The National River Conservation Authority (NRCA) in its meeting held on July 12, 1997 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, decided that the polluting industries which are directly discharging their effluents into rivers and lakes, without requisite treatment, should be asked to install the requisite effluent treatment systems within three months, failing which closure notices should be issued.

- The criteria defined for the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) was to include those industries which (I) discharge their effluents into a water course including rivers and lakes, and (ii) are either involved in manufacture & use of hazardous substances or discharge effluents with a BOD load of 100kg/day or more, or both. These industries are called as Grossly Polluting Industries.

- As on September 2009, a total of 478 GPIs were identified in Ganga Basin, out of which 348 industries have installed ETPs and operating satisfactorily 74 industries have been closed down and 56 industries are not operating satisfactorily.