

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
NATIONAL GANGA RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY .

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Ganga Cleaning phase-II project is being launched under the National Ganga River Basin Authority for abating pollution in Ganga river in Varanasi which would involve an estimated expenditure of Rs. 496.90 crores; the percentage of the expenses to be incurred by Government of Uttar Pradesh on this project;
- (b) the details of amount likely to be spent to check dumping and discharging of sewage through drainages into the river;
- (c) whether Government would also provide for a monitoring mechanism for the entire project to ensure its success;
- (d) the parts of the river likely to be cleaned under this phase-II project; and
- (e) the number of persons likely to be employed under this project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to (e)The Central Government has sanctioned the 'JICA assisted Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Phase-II project at Varanasi' under the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) programme at an estimated cost of Rs. 496.90 crore. The project cost will be shared on 85:15 basis between the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Works relating to interception and diversion of sewage, a sewage treatment plant of 140 million litres per day capacity, low cost sanitation, construction of dhobi ghats, river front development, etc will be implemented under the project, which will help in abatement of pollution of river Ganga at Varanasi and downstream. The sewerage component of the sanctioned project will be implemented by U.P. Jal Nigam and the non-sewerage component by Varanasi Nagar Nigam. The projects sanctioned under National River Conservation Plan/NGRBA are being monitored by the Ministry and the State Governments at different levels. A Project Management Consultant (PMC) will also be appointed by the Ministry for monitoring of the project and for providing technical and management support to the implementing agencies, the State Government and the Ministry.