

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2604
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

Rejuvenation of rivers in the country

2604. Dr. C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, due to changes in ecological system and other reasons, some of the rivers in the country require immediate rejuvenation;
- (b) if so, whether Government has identified such rivers across the country, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether, in view of the recommendations of the National Green Tribunal, Government has taken any steps in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change entrusted Indian Council Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun to prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR) for rejuvenation of thirteen major Indian rivers namely Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Yamuna, Brahmaputra, Luni, Narmada, Godavari, Mahanadi, Krishna and Cauvery through forestry interventions. The programme interventions include tree plantation, soil and moisture conservation works in the catchment area and river front development to increase green cover and carbon sink, reduce silt load & flooding and enhance ground water recharge etc., besides generating employment. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been sent to the concerned States /UTs Government for its implementation.
