

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 407

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

PROGRESS OF NMCG

407. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has spent around ₹ 14,000/- crore for cleaning of the river Ganga under National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) since 2014 till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the reasons that Ganga water is still not potable or bathable after spending thousands of crores of rupees?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Namami Gange Programme was launched in June 2014 for a period up to 31st March, 2021 to rejuvenate River Ganga and its tributaries. The programme was subsequently extended up to 31st March, 2026. A total sum of Rs.13,709.72 crore were released to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) from Financial Year (FY) 2014-15 till 31 December 2022, out of which Rs.13,245.68 crore have been disbursed by NMCG to State Governments, State Missions for Clean Ganga and other agencies for implementation of projects related to Ganga rejuvenation. The amount disbursed by NMCG to various agencies for implementation of projects, compiled State & agency-wise, along with main objective of the projects, from 2014-15 up to 31st December, 2022, is attached as **Annexure**.

(c) The main objective of river rejuvenation programme is to meet the primary water quality criteria for outdoor bathing notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF& CC) and not drinking water quality. Surface water, including that of rivers; is required to undergo necessary treatment/purification for making it potable or fit for human consumption.

Under the Namami Gange Programme, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is carrying out water quality assessment of the River Ganga at 97 locations in 5 main stem States through the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs). As per CPCB data for 2022 (January to October), the observed water quality of river Ganga indicates that Dissolved Oxygen (DO), which is an indicator of river health has been found to be within acceptable limits of notified primary bathing water quality criteria and is satisfactory to support the ecosystem of the river for almost the entire stretch of the river Ganga. As a result of multi sectoral interventions, as per comparison of median data of water quality parameters viz., DO, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Faecal Coliforms (FC) of year 2014 and 2022 (January to October); DO (Median) has improved at 33 locations; BOD at 41 locations and FC at 28 locations, respectively.

Cleaning of river Ganga is a continuous process and National Mission for Clean Ganga is implementing various projects for conservation and rejuvenation of river Ganga and its tributaries.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 407 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 06.02.2023 REGARDING “PROGRESS OF NMCG”.

National Mission for Clean Ganga

Details of Agency -wise funds released & other basin wide expenditure during 2014-15 to 2022-23
(Rs. in cr.)

State	Beneficiary Agencies	Purpose/Objective	Total
Uttarakhand	State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG)	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects, Institutional Development, Communication & Outreach Activities	801.98
	WAPCOS Limited	Ghats & Crematoria Projects	86.45
	State Forest Deptt.	Afforestation	110.20
	Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) Projects	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects	86.82
	State Pollution Control Board	Strengthening of Laboratories	1.20
	Sanitation Mission	Rural Sanitation Scheme	30.69
	Sub-Total		1,117.34
Uttar Pradesh	State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG)	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects, Institutional Development, Communication & Outreach Activities	2,428.23
	State Government-Sewerage Infrastructure	Sewerage Infrastructure Project	70.00
	Engineers India Limited	Ghats & Crematoria Projects	302.50
	State Forest Deptt.	Afforestation	113.62
	Other-Jajmau Tannery Effluent Treatment Association (JTETA)	Industrial Pollution Abatement	178.77
	Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) Projects	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects	813.61
	State Pollution Control Board	Strengthening of Laboratories	14.81
	Sanitation Mission	Rural Sanitation Scheme	408.35
	Sub-Total		4,329.89
Bihar	State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG)	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects, Institutional Development, Communication & Outreach Activities	3,028.60
	NBCC (India) Limited	Ghats & Crematoria Projects	73.55
	State Forest Deptt.	Afforestation	76.48
	Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) Projects	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects	88.73
	State Pollution Control Board	Strengthening of Laboratories	2.31
	Sanitation Mission	Rural Sanitation Scheme	256.76

	Sub-Total		3,526.43
Jharkhand	State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG)	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects, Institutional Development, Communication & Outreach Activities	164.52
	National Project Construction Corporation Limited	Ghats & Crematoria Projects	30.52
	State Forest Deptt.	Afforestation	22.74
	State Pollution Control Board	Strengthening of Laboratories	4.44
	Sanitation Mission	Rural Sanitation Scheme	27.83
	Sub-Total		250.05
West Bengal	State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG)	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects, Institutional Development, Communication & Outreach Activities	881.17
	State Forest Deptt.	Afforestation	23.55
	Engineering Projects (India) Limited-Ghats & Crematoria Projects	Ghats & Crematoria Projects	20.04
	Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) Projects	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects	177.17
	State Pollution Control Board	Strengthening of Laboratories	1.19
	Sanitation Mission	Rural Sanitation Scheme	236.00
	Sub-Total		1,339.12
Madhya Pradesh	Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation, Jabalpur	Sewerage Infrastructure Project	9.89
Delhi	Delhi Jal Board	Sewerage Infrastructure Project	1,253.86
Haryana	Public Health and Engineering Department	Sewerage Infrastructure Project	89.61
Rajasthan	Urban Improvement Trust Kota	Sewerage Infrastructure Project	71.25
Himachal Pradesh	Irrigation Deptt.	Sewerage Infrastructure Project	3.75
Basin Wide	Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)	Support to Water Quality and Industrial Pollution Monitoring	147.83
	NMCG and other agencies	Projects interventions through Executing Agencies, Research & Pilot Projects, Arth Ganga Projects, Outreach & Communication Projects and Interventions, Office Administrative Expenses, Project Support Consultancy etc.	1,106.66
Grand Total			13,245.68
