

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2014

ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023

NATIONAL MISSION FOR CLEAN GANGA (NMCG)

2014#. SMT. KANTA KARDAM

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated a comprehensive plan to develop tourism circuit along the banks of Ganga under Arth Ganga Project;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the details of completed as well as ongoing projects under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Arth Ganga refers to the self-sustainable economic model based on the symbiotic relationship between nature and society, by strengthening people-river connect and adopting an ecologically conscious sustainable development framework based on the concept given by the Hon'ble PM in the 1st National Ganga Council meeting held in 2019.

It comprises six pillars - zero budget natural farming, monetization and reuse of treated wastewater, promotion of livelihood generation opportunities, increased public participation, revival of cultural heritage and tourism and institutional capacity building. To achieve these goals, following a whole of Governmental approach, the involvement of different ministries/departments and other stakeholders, institution & community organization is needed. In line with the same, Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) have been signed with Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)

The Ministry of Tourism is the leading ministry for the promotion of sustainable tourism and develop related infrastructure.

Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan, 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies Schemes sanction projects for development of tourism infrastructure in Ganga river basin also. National Mission for Clean Ganga also through Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) mapped Natural Heritage, Intangible Cultural Heritage and Architectural Heritage across 51 districts of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal on the main stem of Ganga.

In January, 2023, world's longest river cruise, MV Ganga Vilas was launched from Varanasi with support from IWAI, Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways for promoting tourism and showcasing the rich heritage of India with stop overs in spots of historical, cultural and religious importance.

(b) The projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism under PRASAD scheme are given as under:

State/Location	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)
Uttarakhand	Development of Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	2015-16	69.17
Uttarakhand	Development of infrastructure for pilgrimage facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham	2018-19	56.15
Uttarakhand	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham	2021-22	54.36
Bihar	Development of Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54
Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase I	2015-16	18.72
Uttar Pradesh	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	9.02
Uttar Pradesh	Development of Varanasi – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
West Bengal	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03
Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi & Allahabad-I, Allahabad-II), Bihar (Bhagalpur), West Bengal (Kolkata) & Assam (Neamati, Pandu, Jogighopa & Biswanath ghat)	Central Financial Assistance for Development of Jetties at nine main points of embarkation/disembarkation of River Cruise on National Water Ways no. 1& 2	2019-20	28.03

(c) Under Namami Gange Programme, till 30th June 2023, a total of 442 projects at an estimated cost of Rs.37,395.51 crore have been taken up, out of which 254 projects have been completed while remaining are at different stages of implementation. These projects are mainly related to sewerage treatment projects. The details of completed as well as ongoing projects are placed at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2014 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 07.08.2023 REGARDING “NATIONAL MISSION FOR CLEAN GANGA (NMCg)”.

STATUS/DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER NAMAMI GANGE PROGRAMME

S.No.	Type of Project	No. of Projects Sanctioned	No. of Projects Completed	No. of Projects Under Progress	No. of Projects Under tendering stage
1	Sewerage Projects	193	106	45	42
2	Entry Level Activities (Ghats & Crematoria)	105	79	17	9
3	Solid-Waste Management	12	9	2	1
4	Institutional Development (Non - Infrastructure)	27	8	17	2
5	Project Implementation Support/Research & Study Projects/Public Relations and Public Outreach	35	8	26	1
6	Biodiversity	10	6	4	0
7	Afforestation	37	27	10	0
8	Composite Ecological Task Force & Ganga Mitra	6	5	1	0
9	Bioremediation	16	6	10	
10	Construction of IHHL across Gram Panchayats near Ganga River	1	0	1	0
	Grand Total	442	254	133	55
