

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.711

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NATIONAL MISSION FOR CLEAN GANGA

711. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA

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

- (a) the reason for consistent underutilisation of funds allocated for Namami Gange programme in every year since Financial Year 2019-20, with cumulative expenditure thus far being limited to 51 per cent of the overall budgeted amount;
- (b) estimated timeline for complete utilisation of ₹ 383 Crores sanctioned for 32 projects under Clean Ganga Fund (CGF); and
- (c) whether National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has taken any measures to minimise delays in review of Detailed Project Reports submitted by States to its existing sixty day limit?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

- (a) The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has disbursed ₹ 10,560.84 crore during the period FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24 which is about 86% of the budget provision of ₹ 12,310.02 crore. It may be noted that besides financial outflow, future liabilities (i.e. annuity payments and operation and maintenance payments) are also created in view of implementation of infrastructure projects via Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM)/ Design, Build, Operate, and Transfer (DBOT) model.
- (b) Out of the 32 projects sanctioned for funding under the Clean Ganga Fund, 18 projects have been completed. Two projects were dropped due to a lack of regulatory clearances, and the remaining 12 River Front Development projects are expected to be completed by December 2025.
- (c) Initiatives taken by NMCG for early finalization of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by State include:
- i. Deployment of expert teams and Project Management consultants to assist States in the preparation of DPRs obviating multiple revisions;
 - ii. Offering technical support to ensure that DPRs meet required standards at the initial stages;
 - iii. A system of monthly review of all the DPR's along with State Program Management Groups and concerned State Department to speed up the process.

- iv. Guidelines for preparation of DPRs for most common type of projects that are Interception & Diversion projects.
- v. A number of training programs by premier institutions like Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee have been organized for the key stakeholders i.e. officials of SPMGs/State Mission for Clean Ganga, executing agencies.
- vi. A checklist of essential components of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has also been prepared and circulated to all concerned.
