#### **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

### MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

### DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

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## **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1846**

ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

# GANGA'S WATER QUALITY AT PRAYAGRAJ

1846. DR. V. SIVADASAN

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data regarding the quality of water in Ganga at Triveni Sangam Ghat, Dashashwamedh Ghat, Akshaya Vat Ghat, Saraswati Ghat, Mankameshwar Ghat, Hanuman Mandir Ghat, Kila Ghat, Arail Ghat, Nagvasuki Ghat and Phaphamau Ghat at Prayagraj;
- (b) the BOD, E Coli level and TDS of the Ganges water at the above-mentioned Ghats; and
- (c) whether as per the legal standards, the water in ghats is safe for bathing and human consumption without filtering?

### **ANSWER**

### THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) In pursuance to Order of Hon'ble NGT, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) carried out regular water quality monitoring at seven locations (twice a week) in the stretch from Shringverpur ghat (upstream of Prayagraj) to Deehaghat (downstream of Prayagraj) including at Sangam nose (confluence point of river Ganga and Yamuna) since 12th January, 2025 covering auspicious bathing (Amrit Snan) days including pre and post days of such auspicious bathing days.

Further, CPCB added three more water quality monitoring locations and increased monitoring frequency to twice daily with effect from 21.02.2025 to augment availability of water quality data.

A comprehensive report dated 28.02.2025 was submitted before Hon'ble NGT in compliance of order dated 23.12.2024. As per the said report, median value of pH, Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Faecal Coliform (FC) for all the monitored locations was within the respective criteria/permissible limits for bathing water.

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