GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1661

ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

FUNDS SPENT AND WATER QUALITY UNDER NGM

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

(a) the total amount of funds allocated, released, and spent under the Namami Gange Mission (NGM) since its inception, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the water quality of the Ganga river at major locations has improved to the level of being safe for bathing and other direct contact activities without filtration;

(c) the details of water quality parameters (like BOD, coliform count, pH, etc.) assessed at major stretches of the river during the last three years; and

(d) whether any third-party audits or evaluations have been conducted to assess the impact and effectiveness of the mission, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY**)**

(a) The year-wise details of the funds allocated and the amount disbursed by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to various agencies for implementation of projects/ interventions under the Namami Gange Programme since its inception (Financial Year (FY) 2014-15) till 30 June 2025 are enclosed in **Annexure I**.

No State-wise allocation is made under the Namami Gange programme. However, the amount disbursed to various agencies, including State Missions for Clean Ganga, under the said Programme till 30th June 2025, compiled State-wise, is enclosed in **Annexure II**.

(b) & (c) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has carried out water quality monitoring of the river Ganga. The water quality data of the river Ganga for the years 2022 to 2024 (based on median values) with respect to the parameters pH, DO and BOD is enclosed in **Annexure-III.**

Based on the median values of water quality data for the year 2024 (January–December), the entire stretch of river Ganga generally conforms to the primary water quality criteria for outdoor bathing in terms of pH, Dissolved Oxygen (DO), and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), except for marginal BOD exceedance at certain stretches in Uttar Pradesh. Faecal Coliform (median) primary water quality

criteria for bathing is met in the entire stretch of river Ganga in Uttarakhand & Jharkhand and certain stretches of UP, Bihar and West Bengal while Faecal Streptococci (median) the primary water quality criteria for bathing is met in the entire stretch of river Ganga in Uttarakhand, Bihar & Jharkhand and certain stretches of UP and West Bengal.

(d) Yes. The Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) was engaged as a Third Party Agency (TPA) for the appraisal of the Namami Gange Mission (NGM). ASCI has observed the following in its report:

i. NGM has led to considerable additions to wastewater treatment infrastructure in the Ganga river basin, balanced with investments in riverfront and ghat development, river surface cleaning processes, afforestation, biodiversity conservation, organic agriculture, etc.

ii. Capacity building of implementing agencies and other stakeholders, along with community engagement to support the initiatives, are among the other key contributions of the projects.

iii. The decentralisation and mainstreaming of program tasks within the basin states and local body establishments have been the hallmark of the programme.

iv. ASCI, in its appraisal, stated that NGM has shown good progress in achieving its mandate of continuous flow (Aviral Dhara) and unpolluted flow (Nirmal Dhara).

v. It has demonstrated successful and replicable models for implementing a large-scale river rejuvenation programme in a mission mode and has gained global recognition.

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ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1661 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING "FUNDS SPENT AND WATER QUALITY UNDER NGM".

Year-wise details of the funds allocated and amount disbursed by

NMCG to various implementing/ executing agencies (FY 2014-15 to 30 June 2025)

Namami Gange	F.Y.	Funds Allo (Rs. in crore)	Disbursement/Release by NMCG (Rs. in crore)
Phase-I	2014-15	2,053.00	170.99
	2015-16	1,650.00	602.30
	2016-17	1,675.00	1,062.81
	2017-18	3,023.42	1,625.01
	2018-19	2,370.00	2,626.54
	2019-20	1,553.44	2,673.09
	2020-21	1,300.00	1,339.97
Phase-II	2021-22	1,900.00	1,892.70
	2022-23	2,500.00	2,258.98
	2023-24	2,400.00	2,396.10
	2024-25	3,000.00	2,589.11
	2025-26	--	442.24

Note:-

(i) NMCG fully transited to the Treasury Single Account (TSA) system from the financial year 2022-23. Prior to TSA, grants released to the NMCG by the Government of India were non-lapsable.

(ii) Grants disbursement by NMCG in a particular year might not have been utilized in the same year. Disbursement by NMCG during a particular year includes unspent grants carried forward from previous years.

(iii) Out of the disbursement/release by the NMCG, unspent grants amounting to Rs.838.65 crore have been refunded by various implementing/ executing agencies to the Consolidated Fund of India.

ANNEXURE-II

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National Mission for Clean Ganga
Yearly disbursement under Namami Gange Programme, State-wise
Financial Year 2014-15 to 30 June 2025

Sl. No.	States	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26*
		(Rupees in crore)											
1	Uttarakhand	4.26	37.04	44.03	242.49	328.94	122.28	124.82	147.51	111.72	144.40	76.20	73.94
2	Uttar Pradesh	74.58	153.35	585.15	550.12	823.77	876.68	472.46	450.69	707.44	820.74	1,225.05	241.30
3	Bihar	-	124.23	88.07	367.18	673.03	1,185.17	193.84	250.70	873.39	878.96	420.97	1.32
4	Jharkhand	0.97	27.83	49.53	21.72	86.73	30.50	28.09	13.61	4.75	32.60	157.14	15.31
5	West Bengal	73.85	185.49	117.25	245.87	227.62	70.60	105.06	134.42	255.52	150.88	319.41	27.93
6	Other States	-	38.35	81.40	88.45	311.94	214.47	236.25	457.50	77.33	173.68	78.44	-
	Total	153.66	566.29	965.43	1,515.83	2,452.03	2,499.70	1,160.52	1,454.43	2,030.15	2,201.26	2,277.21	359.80

(*30 June 2025)

Note 1: State-wise disbursements indicated above include funds released to (I) State Missions for Clean Ganga for Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and assoc infrastructure, (ii) State Forest Departments for Afforestation Projects, (iii) STP Projects implemented on Hybrid Annuity Mode, (iv) Central Public Sector Enterp for RFD/Ghat Projects, (v) D/o Drinking Water & Sanitation and State Rural Sanitation Missions for SBM/ODF interventions in Ganga Grams and (vi) Indu Pollution Abatement Projects.

Note 2: Out of the above mentioned disbursement/release by the NMCG, unspent grants amounting to Rs. 727.83 crore have been refunded by va implementing/executing agencies to the Consolidated Fund of India

ANNEXURE-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1661 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING "FUNDS SPENT AND WATER QUALITY UNDER NGM".

Water Quality Data of the river Ganga for the years 2022 to 2024 (based on median values)

State	Parameters		2022		2023		2024	
			Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Uttarakhand	Physical parameters	pH	7.3	8.0	7.3	8.4	7.4	8.1
		Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	8.2	10.2	8.5	11.4	8.4	11.6
	Organic parameters	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	1	1.9	1	1.9	1	2
Uttar Pradesh	Physical parameters	pH	7.2	8.4	7.2	8.3	7.2	8.4
		Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	7.1	9.9	7.0	10.7	7.0	10.6
	Organic parameters	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	1.1	4.6	1.2	4.4	1.2	4.4
Bihar	Physical parameters	pH	7.6	7.9	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.8
		Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	7.1	9	7.1	8.3	7.3	8.2
	Organic parameters	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	1	2.2	1.3	2.1	1.1	2.0
Jharkhand	Physical parameters	pH	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.6
		Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4
	Organic parameters	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
West Bengal	Physical parameters	pH	7.3	8.1	7.3	8.3	7.2	7.9
		Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	5.5	6.9	5.4	7.5	5.4	7.3
	Organic parameters	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (mg/L)	1.7	3.4	1.4	2.7	1.6	2.8

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