

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1681

ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

REJUVENATION AND DELAYS IN THE ADI GANGA (TOLLY'S NULLAH) PROJECT

1681. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) latest status of Adi Ganga (Tolly's Nullah) rejuvenation project, including progress of the ongoing tendering process following approval of revised ₹653.67 crore DPR in December, 2022;
- (b) whether any physical work on interception, diversion and pollution-abatement has begun, given that previous bidding cycles under HAM and DBOT models failed due to poor response, high costs and site-specific challenges;
- (c) whether delays persist due to encroachments, lack of clear stretches or inadequate coordination with State agencies; and
- (d) measures being taken to ensure time-bound execution, including revision of contractual and financial structures to prevent further cancellations and avoid pushing the completion date beyond December, 2026?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) The Pollution Abatement Work for the Rejuvenation of Adi Ganga (Tolly's Nullah), Kolkata was approved in the 46th Executive Committee meeting held on 23rd December 2022 at a total cost of Rs. 653.67 crores under the Externally Aided Project (EAP) component funded by the World Bank. Subsequent to approval, the project underwent the tendering process, and the work has since been awarded.

(b) The work was awarded in June 2025, and the contract agreement has been executed by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC). The site has been mobilized, and survey and design work has started. All three-sewage treatment plant (STP) sites have been handed over to the contractor. The ground-level activities have started.

(c) & (d) The project area is densely populated and right-of-way challenges may emerge during execution. State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG), West Bengal and KMC are working in close coordination to address them. At present, necessary steps have been taken to mitigate delays arising from encroachments or access constraints. A dedicated Project Management Consultancy (PMC) has been appointed by KMC to support efficient and timely execution. The project has a 36-month completion timeline and is targeted to be completed by 2028.
