

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2643

ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

NAMAMI GANGE PROGRAMME AND RIVER REJUVENATION

2643. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) current status of the 173 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) commissioned under Namami Gange Programme as of January, 2026 and the number that are slated for completion this fiscal;
- (b) whether Government has expanded the scope of river cleaning to include small rivers and tributaries like the Kali West and Hindon through the ecological flow restoration mandate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has successfully met the minimum e-flow norms across all monitored points of the river Ganga as verified by the Central Water Commission (CWC); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Under the Namami Gange Programme, a total of 173 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have been commissioned and are currently operational as on January 2026, while in the meantime 8 more STPs have been completed while 1 more STP is expected to be completed by 31st March. Ongoing projects are closely monitored at multiple levels to ensure timely completion .

(b) & (c) The mandate of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is to ensure effective abatement of pollution and rejuvenation of the River Ganga by adopting a river basin approach. The primary focus is to emphasize pollution abatement and conservation of the main stem of the Ganga River and its major tributaries under the Namami Gange Program.

In order to expand the scope of river cleaning and adopt a basin-level and holistic approach, NMCG facilitates & supports, the State Governments for rejuvenation of smaller rivers and tributaries within the Ganga basin. In this regard, technical guidance and support are extended to the States, in coordination with concerned departments, for planning and implementation of appropriate rejuvenation measures.

Under the Namami Gange Programme, a total of 8 sewerage infrastructure projects have been taken up with a treatment capacity of 280 Million Liters per Day (MLD) for the rejuvenation of Kali West and Hindon rivers.

(d) & (e) The Government of India vide Gazette Notification dated 9th October, 2018 notified the minimum environmental flows for River Ganga that needs to be maintained at various locations on the river. As per the notification, monitoring of e-flow is being carried out by Central Water Commission (CWC) since 1st January, 2019. CWC is monitoring 11 projects and submits quarterly progress reports. As per these reports, e flow compliance have been noticed at most of the projects. In cases of non compliances necessary actions are taken .
