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EXPENDITURE UNDER NAMAMI GANGA PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the total expenditure under the Namami Gange Programme since its launch in 2014;
- (b) whether the Ganga meets the prescribed bathing water quality standards at all monitoring stations;
- (c) the number of STPs commissioned, their actual performance and the gap between sewage generation and treatment capacity in Ganga basin cities; and
- (d) whether the objective of Nirmal Dhara (unpolluted flow) has been achieved for any stretch of the Ganga?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Since inception of the Namami Gange Programme (June 2014 to 15 March 2026), the National Mission for Clean Ganga has disbursed Rs.21,340 crore to various agencies for implementation of projects to rejuvenate river Ganga and its tributaries.

(b) & (d) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), carries out manual water quality monitoring of the river Ganga at 112 locations across five Ganga main-stem States- Uttarakhand-19; Uttar Pradesh-41; Bihar-33; Jharkhand-04; and West Bengal-15. As per CPCB report on Polluted River Stretch (PRS) 2025, the following information about Ganga main stem pollution is available:

Ganga Main Stem – State-wise Comparison (2018 vs 2025)

State	2018 Polluted Stretch	Priority(2018)	2025 Polluted Stretch	Priority(2025)	Trend/Observation
Uttarakhand	Haridwar → Sultanpur	IV	No PRS	—	Improved and PRS stretch removed
Uttar Pradesh	Kannauj → Varanasi	IV	Bijnor → Tarighat	IV / V	Partially improved
Bihar	Buxar to Bhagalpur	V	Bhagalpur D/S → Khalgaon D/S	V	Marginal pollution remains
Jharkhand	No PRS	—	No PRS	—	—
West Bengal	Triveni → Diamond Harbour	III	Baharampore → Diamond Harbour	V	improved

Based on the water quality data (median values) of the river Ganga for the year 2025 (January to August), the following observations are made:

- (i). pH & Dissolved Oxygen (DO) are the most critical parameters of river health. The pH & DO of River Ganga meet the required norms for bathing criteria at all the locations of River Ganga.
- (ii). Water quality of river Ganga is conforming with the bathing criteria w.r.t. Bio- chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in the entire stretch of river Ganga in Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Bihar & West Bengal, except the following locations/stretches:
 - Farrukhabad to Purana Rajapur, Kanpur.
 - Dalmau, Raebareli.
 - D/s Mirzapur to Tarighat, Ghazipur (except two locations namely U/s Varanasi, After confluence Gomti & U/s Ghazipur) in Uttar Pradesh.
- (iii). As per CPCB report, 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.

As per the biomonitoring conducted during 2024-25 at 50 locations along river Ganga and its tributaries and 26 locations along River Yamuna and its tributaries, the biological water quality (BWQ) predominantly ranged from 'Good' to 'Moderate'. The presence of diverse benthic macro-invertebrate species indicates the ecological potential of the rivers to sustain aquatic life.

(c) Under the Namami Gange Programme, a total of 181 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have been commissioned and are currently operational as on February, 2026.

The approx. quantity of sewage generated from river Ganga front towns vis-a-vis installed capacity of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), State-wise is as follows:

State	Approx. Sewage Generation in Ganga front towns (MLD)	Installed capacity of STPs (MLD)
Uttarakhand	239.8	346.8
Uttar Pradesh	1255.2	1499.0
Bihar	480.0	400.0
Jharkhand	12.0	15.5
West Bengal	1571.5	716.3
TOTAL	3558.5	2977.5

Approximately 3558.5 MLD (Million liters per day) sewage is generated in Ganga-front towns for which a total of 163 STPs have been installed capacity of 2977.5 MLD. In addition, in Kolkata, East Kolkata Wetland caters to around 900 MLD of sewage treatment.
