GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2668 ANSWERED ON 01.12.2016

DESILTING OF GANGA RIVER

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether desilting of Ganga river has been started under the Namami Gange Mission in Bihar and other States to tackle the problem of floods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is making any efforts to formulate a desilting management policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) No, Sir. No desilting work has been taken up under Namami Gange programme as on date.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) The Government has constituted a Committee on desiltation from Bhimgauda (Uttarakhand) to Farakka (West Bengal) under the Chairmanship of Shri Madhav Chitale (Expert Member, NGRBA and Ex Secretary to the Government of India).