

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2520**  
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2017

**NATIONAL MISSION FOR CLEAN GANGA**

2520. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and if so, the details thereof along with its nature and functions;
- (b) whether the Government has classified projects coming under the jurisdiction of NMCG for giving clearance and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has empowered NMCG to give approval to the projects upto Rs. 1000/- crore and if so, the details thereof?

**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) National Mission for Clean Ganga has been set up as a Society under the Societies Registration Act 1860 (21 of 1860) for (a) ensuring effective abatement of pollution and conservation of the river Ganga by adopting a river basin approach to promote inter-sectoral co-ordination for comprehensive planning and management; and (b) maintaining environmental flows in the river Ganga with the aim of ensuring water quality and environmentally sustainable development.

Vide Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation notification dated 7th October 2016, NMCG has been constituted as an Authority having two-tier management structure comprising of Governing Council and Executive Council.

(b) Under the Namami Gange programme the projects are generally classified under the following categories:

(i) Infrastructure Development:

- Sewerage Infrastructure projects;
- Industrial Pollution Abatement;
- River Front Development
- Solid Waste Management
- Interventions aiming at improving flow of water availability

(ii) Institutional Development: Capacity building of institutions, setting up of monitoring centers etc.

(iii) Research and Development: Various research, studies, pilots, GIS based data,

(iv) Ecological Sustainability: Projects related to biodiversity conservation, afforestation etc.

(v) Communication and Public Outreach Activities: Media, communication, public outreach activities, national/international workshop, knowledge sharing etc.

(c) As per clause 36 (1) of the Notification dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 the Executive Committee of NMCG has been empowered to sanction all projects upto Rs. 1000 (one thousand) crore.