

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 20.07.2017

CLEANING OF GANGA RIVER

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

- (a) whether the Ganga River flowing/ running in Haridwar is not fit for bathing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to clean Ganga river; and
- (d) 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) & (b) Water in Ganga river at Haridwar, by and large, meets the bathing water quality norms. However, some parameters of the bathing water quality norms are not met at certain times downstream of Haridwar.

(c) & (d) Conservation & cleaning of river Ganga is a continuous & collective effort of Central Government, State Governments, Local bodies and general public.

Under Namami Gange Programme a holistic approach has been adopted to clean the river Ganga. The various types of pollution abatement schemes taken up to clean Ganga may be categorized into core and non-core schemes. Core schemes include Interception and Diversion (I&D) of sewage discharging into the Ganga and creating treatment infrastructure to treat the intercepted sewage and treatment of industrial effluents. Non-Core schemes include providing Low Cost Sanitation (LCS) at community and individual levels at identified locations, installation of Crematoria River Front Development including bathing ghats, river surface cleaning, afforestation, protecting biodiversity and creating public awareness and participation.