

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 Government has started any scheme/programme for cleaning of Ganga river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the works to be carried out thereunder; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by the Government to make Ganga river garbage free?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND
GANGA REJUVENATION & HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government of India has launched Namami Gange programme in May 2015 for conservation of river Ganga with total outlay of Rs.20,000 crores. Namami Gange Programme is a holistic approach to clean Ganga through various activities such as treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, ghats & crematoria works, afforestation, biodiversity, awareness creation & public outreach etc. Total 187 projects for various activities have been sanctioned, out of which 47 projects have been completed. Cleaning of river is a continuous process and all out efforts are on to complete the projects.

(c) Trash skimmers are being deployed at 11 locations to make the Ganga river garbage free. The Trash Skimmers collect all kinds of floating waste materials in the river such as flowers, coconuts, plastic bottles/bags, food packets, algae, logs, bamboos and any other floating waste.
