

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1794
ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR NAMAMI GANGE MISSION

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any programme for continuous flow, cleanliness and conservation of tributaries of Ganga river under Namami Gange Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Japan, Germany or any other country for technology transfer in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether work for creating public awareness for cleanliness of Ganga has been undertaken with cooperation of voluntary organizations under the said mission during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the total amount spent by the Government under this head during the said period?

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. The definition of Ganga basin includes river Ganga and its tributaries. Namami Gange Programme is a holistic approach to clean Ganga and its tributaries 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 such activities have been sanctioned, out of which, 47 projects have been completed so far.

(c) No Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Japan, Germany or any other Country for technology transfer except the MoU signed with the Netherlands on 27.06.2017 with “Pollution abatement of rivers with specific attention to river Ganga” as one of the objectives.

(d) & (e) National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG) is making continuous efforts to spread awareness among the public about the Namami Gange Programme and seeking their support for cleaning of River Ganga. NMCG has organised Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities including number of awareness campaigns like Swachta Pakhwada, Ganga Sankalp Diwas and Swachta Hi Seva etc. in five States largely with the voluntary support of Non Government Organisations (NGOs) and local communities in association with State Programme Management Groups, Executing Agencies, Ganga Vichar Manch, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and various other Non-Government Social and Cultural Organisations. The total amount spent on the various IEC activities by NMCG in last three years is Rs.12.71 crores.