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CLEAN GANGA PROJECT

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

- (a) the stretches of Ganga river in kilometres which have been cleaned so far along with those yet to be cleaned under Clean Ganga Project;
- (b) the reasons for not cleaning the full stretch of Ganga river; and
- (c) the action the Government proposes to take to clean the full river at the earliest?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) Water quality monitoring data of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for the period 2014-16 indicates that the Dissolved Oxygen (DO) has been found to be within acceptable limits of stipulated primary water quality criteria for bathing, Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) has been found above acceptable limits in some part of this stretch viz., downstream of Haridwar, Anupshar to Kannauj, at Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi and some stretches in West Bengal (Behrampore, Palta, Dakshineswar, Howrah, Garden Reach, Uluberia and Diamond Harbour). Presence of higher faecal coliforms as compared with bathing water quality norms in entire length of the river except origin to upstream of Haridwar has been observed.

Namami Gange Programme has been launched for cleaning of the whole stretch of river Ganga by taking a holistic approach to clean the river through various activities such as treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, ghats & crematoria works, afforestation, biodiversity conservation, awareness creation & public outreach etc. Total 187 projects for these activities have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs 16713.17 crores out of which 47 projects have been completed so far. Cleaning of river is a continuous process, however, all out efforts are made by Government of India to complete these projects on highest priority.