

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2916
ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018

DESILTING OF GANGA RIVER

†2916. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN
SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN

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

- (a) whether a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri A. B. Pandya has been set up to give suggestions on desilting of Ganga river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the place at which the head office of this Committee is likely to be situated along with the time by which the report is likely to be submitted by it;
- (c) whether this Committee is also likely to consult the State Governments of Bihar and West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether officers from Bihar and West Bengal have also been included in this Committee; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b) A Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri A.B. Pandya, Former Chairman, Central Water Commission, to address the issues of flood and siltation in the state of Bihar. The Committee was constituted on 24th August, 2017 for a period of six months from the date of its constitution.

(c) to (e) The constitution of the Committee and finalisation of Terms of References (ToR) and composition was done after consultations with State Government of Bihar. The composition of the Committee is as under:

S.No.	Name	
1.	Sh. A.B. Pandya, Former Chairman, Central Water Commission	Chairman
2.	Member, D&R / Member, RM, Central Water Commission	Member
3.	Chairman, GFCC, Patna	Member
4.	General Manager, Farakka Barrage Project	Member
5.	Representative of Ministry of Shipping, Government of India	Member
6.	Sh. Indu Bhushan Kumar, Former Engineer-In-Chief, WRD, Govt. of Bihar	Member
7.	Dr. Muralidhar Singh, Professor WALMI, Patna	Member
8.	Sh. Himanshu Thakkar, Coordinator, South Asia Network Dams, Rivers and People	Member
9.	Sh. Ramakar Jha, Professor, NIT, Patna	Member
10.	Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Director, NEERI, Nagpur	Member
11.	Sh. N.N. Rai, Director, Hydrology (NE), Central Water Commission	Member Secretary