

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

INTER-MINISTERIAL TASK FORCE FOR GANGA RIVER CLEANING

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to set up an inter-ministerial task force to speed up the Ganga river cleaning exercise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government is likely to come out with a detailed schedule on targets under the Namami Gange Mission phase-4; and
- (d) 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) Government of India has constituted Empowered Task Force (ETF) on river Ganga under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation consisting of Secretary of concerned Ministries and Chief Secretaries of concerned states and CEO, Niti Aayog. A High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Ganga has also been constituted under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary to facilitate interaction among Ministries/Departments and State Governments and to ensure effective coordination and implementation of the programme.

(c) & (d) Cleaning of river Ganga is being carried out through various coordinated activities including treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, afforestation & biodiversity conservation, public outreach etc. Under Namami Gange Program, a total of 189 projects for these various activities have been sanctioned, out of which 48 projects have been completed so far and others are at various stages of execution/implementation. Cleaning of river is a continuous process and efforts are being made to complete these projects by the year 2020.
