

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NAMAMI GANGE SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make the Namami Gange Scheme a long term scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps so far in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) Namami Gange Programme covers short term, medium term and long term activities. Under short term activities, certain entry level activities which cover development of ghats & crematoria, river surface cleaning activities etc. have been planned. Under medium term activities, existing sewage treatment plant and effluent treatment plant will be upgraded and new Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) & Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) will be established. Beside, rural sanitation has been taken up in the villages on the bank of river Ganga. The long term action plan involves restoration of wholesomeness of river Ganga and maintaining the ecological & geological integrity of river.

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 conservation, awareness creation & 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. It has been planned to complete these projects by 2020.
