

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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 RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
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CLOSURE OF INDUSTRIAL UNITS POLLUTING GANGA RIVER

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has failed to check the industrial units which are polluting the Ganga river;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Uttar Pradesh and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is going to close down those units that are polluting the river most and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to make the river pollution free so that it can remain a life line for the people besides holding religious belief for them?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has inspected 1109 Grossly Polluting industries (GPIs) during December, 2015- April, 2017 out of which 538 GPIs were found non-complying with the prescribed effluent discharge standards, non-availability of valid consent and non-connectivity. The details of the same and the action taken against these units are given in the table below:

Status of directions issued to GPIs operating in the main stem of River Ganga
during December, 2015 – 30th June, 2017

State	Total	Closed	Complying	Non-complying	Show Cause	Closure Direction
Uttarakhand	68	15	22	31	20	11
Uttar Pradesh	955	197	315	443	119	324
Bihar	40	8	3	29	10	19
Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Bengal	46	1	10	35	31	4
Total	1109	221	350	538	180	358

(d) 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, ghat cleaning afforestation, biodiversity conservation, awareness creation & intensive public outreach etc.

Cleaning of the rivers is an ongoing continuous process and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has sanctioned a total of 192 projects of Rs. 19630 crores for above activities, out of which, 49 projects have been completed so far.
