

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4508**  
ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

**DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE WASTE INTO 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 has devised a plan to deal with the situation of immersing of mortal remains into Ganga river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has devised a mechanism along with the municipal authorities of major cities along the banks of Ganga river to tackle the discharge of sewage waste into the river; and
- (d) 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

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b) 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.

The program addresses the issue of immersion of mortal remains into river through activities under “Ghat & Crematoria works”. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has sanctioned 37 projects at an estimated cost of Rs.1216.41 crore which also includes development / rehabilitation of 54 crematorium facilities along the river.

(c) & (d) The management of the sewage is the mandate & responsibility of the concerned Urban Local Body (ULB) and State Government and this Ministry supplements the efforts of the State by providing financial assistance.

For the sewerage projects sanctioned under Namami Gange programme, the Detailed Progress Reports (DPRs) for tackling the discharge of sewage into the river for the major towns along river Ganga namely Haridwar, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Patna, Bhagalpur, Kolkata & Howrah have been conceptualized & prepared by the State executing agencies in discussion with the municipal authorities.