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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
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TARGETS FOR CLEANING OF 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 fixed target of cleaning the Ganga river from 80 to 90 percent by the year 2019 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated or is going to formulate any action plan 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) Cleaning of river is a continuous process and the Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance. The Government has launched Namami Gange Programme covering 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 taken up.

Under Medium term activities, existing Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) are being upgraded and new STP & ETPs are being established. Beside, rural sanitation has been taken up in the villages on the banks of river Ganga. The long term action plan involves restoration of wholesomeness of river Ganga and maintaining the ecological & geological integrity of river.

The Central Government approved the "Namami Gange" Program on 13th May, 2015 with an outlay of Rs 20,000 crore as a comprehensive approach to rejuvenate the river Ganga and its tributaries, under one umbrella, by consolidating the existing ongoing efforts and planning for a concrete action plan for the future. Efforts are being made to complete Short term & Medium term projects by 2020.
