

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6649**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2018

**Development of Rivers**

6649. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any plan or scheme for the conservation and preservation of the rivers Damodar, Ajay, Tista Mayurakshi and other prominent rivers in West Bengal; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes being implemented in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR) has informed that the Namami Gange programme has been approved by the Government in May 2015 with a total outlay of Rs. 20,000 crore for integrating the previous and current ongoing initiatives for rejuvenation of river Ganga and its tributaries in the Ganga Basin in a comprehensive manner. Prominent rivers in West Bengal, including Damodar, Ajay and Mayurakshi fall in the Ganga Basin. The various activities taken up under the programme include interception, diversion and treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, river front/ghat development, crematoria, afforestation, biodiversity conservation, public outreach, etc.

10 schemes pertaining to interception, diversion and treatment of sewage, low cost sanitation and crematoria have been implemented in the towns of Andal, Asansol, Durgapur and Raniganj in West Bengal for pollution abatement of Damodar (under Ganga Action Plan Phase-II, which is now a part of Namami Gange programme) at a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 3.98 crore, and sewage treatment capacity of 13.17 million litres per day (mld) has been created.

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