

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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RENOVATION OF GHATS ALONG GANGA RIVER

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

- (a) the steps taken so far to renovate the ghats situated on the banks of river Ganga in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) whether any requests from the concerned State/authorities have been received in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (d) the expected time schedule for the completion of river Ganga rejuvenation?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) National Mission for Clean Ganga has sanctioned and completed 24 Ghats and Crematoria projects in West Bengal at a cost of Rs 180.16 Crores. Above infrastructure was created in Kolkata, Bansberia, Howrah, Seerampore, Khardah, Naihati, Chandanagar, Baidyabati, Panihati, Kamarhati, Bally, Titagarh, Mahestala, North Barrackpore, Koonagar, Hooghly-Chinsura, Halishahar, Budge-Budge and Uttarpara-Kotrung municipalities. Further 7 more projects of Ghats & Crematoria under Entry Level Activities have been sanctioned which comprises renovation/development of 15 Ghats and 4 Electric Crematoria at a cost of Rs 48.47 crores. Appropriate action is taken on requests from State Authorities for ghats as and when they are received.

(d) Under Namami Gange programme, total 187 projects for various activities such as treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, ghats & crematoria works, afforestation, biodiversity, awareness creation & public outreach etc. have been sanctioned. Out of which, 47 projects have been completed so far. Cleaning of river is a continuous process, however, all efforts are taken by Government of India to complete these projects by 2020.
