

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. †\*340**  
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

**CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION OF GANGA RIVER**

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SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS

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

- (a) the details of works executed for conservation/preservation of the Ganga river during the last three years in the country;
- (b) the names of the States where maximum works have been executed for the said purpose along with the reasons for the same; and
- (c) the time by which the said river is likely to be conserved/preserved completely?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS AND SHIPPING

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. †\*340 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2018 REGARDING “CONSERVATION / PRESERVATION OF GANGA RIVER” ASKED BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI & SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS, HON’BLE MPs**

(a) Union Government approved “ Namami Gange – Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission/ Programme” in May 2015 with a budget outlay of Rs.20,000 crore by converging ongoing programmes and new components to be implemented by 2020. Till date, 221 projects at an estimated cost of Rs.22,238 crore have been sanctioned for sewerage infrastructure, bioremediation, modular Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), rural sanitation (construction of Individual Household Latrine (IHHL) across gram panchayat along Ganga river), industrial pollution abatement, river front development, ghats and crematoria development, ghats cleaning, river surface cleaning, biodiversity conservation, afforestation, institutional development (non-infrastructure), project implementation support / research and study projects, and composite ecological task force.

In last 3 years, following works have been undertaken for conservation/preservation of Ganga river:

S.No.	Description	No. of Projects
1	Sewerage Infrastructure	70
2	Ghats and Crematoria Development	37
3	Ghats Cleaning	3
4	Institutional Development Project	9
5	Research Studies, Afforestation	21
6	River Surface Cleaning i.e Trash skimmers	1
7	Bioremediation	8
8	Modular STP	1
9	IHHL	1
10	Composite Ecological Task Force	2
	Total	153

(b) Projects are sanctioned by this Ministry as and when proposal is received in National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for financial assistance. The State-wise details of projects and allocation of funds (in last 3 years) are as under:

S. No.	State	No. of projects	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Uttarakhand	35	1164
2	Uttar Pradesh	40	5755
3	Bihar	27	4273
4	Jharkhand	8	139
5	West Bengal	20	1601
6	Delhi	3	1820

(c) Cleaning of river is a continuous process and efforts are being made to complete the projects by the year 2020.