

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2639
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

2639. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any meeting has been held recently to discuss the progress of Solid Waste Management (SWM) projects and also for development of ghats and crematoria in five States along the Ganga river;
- (b) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof;
- (c) the names of the towns identified for SWM projects along this river through Sewage Treatment Plants, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Ganga basin States have been instructed to achieve 100% Solid Waste Management by December, 2018;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the State Governments thereto; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for trapping of solid waste entering into the river through drains, disposal of the collected waste from ghats and river banks?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b) A meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and Hon'ble Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs along with other concerned officials on 9-7-2018 to review the Solid Waste Management (SWM) projects in 97 Ganga towns in the States of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal. It was decided to continue pursuing the respective State Governments for taking up SWM projects as required.

Under Namami Gange programme the development of ghats and crematoria are also being taken up and the progress on the same is reviewed regularly in meeting with concerned stakeholders at the level of Director General, NMCG. A total of 63 projects are sanctioned for River Front Development and development of Ghats and Crematoria at an estimated cost of Rs.1197 Cr. Out of these 24 projects are completed and other projects are at various stages of implementation.

(c) to (e) There is no correlation between 'identification of name of town for solid waste management' and 'through sewage treatment plants'.

97 towns along river Ganga have been identified for solid waste management. The list of the towns is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

Secretary-MoHUA has addressed the Chief Secretaries of all the five Ganga States to submit Action Plan, with timelines for achieving the objectives by December 2018 so that the progress in the matter may be regularly monitored by MoHUA. The focus in the letter was for the states to finalize the detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Solid Waste Management activities and seek central assistance under SBM-U as per guidelines.

The Status reported by the States is as under:

State	Total Waste Generation (TPD)	Status of Waste Processing Plant(s) (all capacities are in TPD)				
		Plant Operational	Under Construction	DPR approved	DPR submitted for approval	DPR to be Prepared
Uttarakhand	306	255	-	23	12	57
Uttar Pradesh	3145	2725	180	98	106	173
Bihar	1,861	82	900		240	549
Jharkhand	27	-	-	27	-	-
West Bengal	6001	909	465	519	55	4053

(f) The Government has taken various other interventions to arrest the solid waste entering into river. These include

- Deployment of trash skimmers at 11 locations for removal of floating trash from the river.
- 24X7 ghat cleaning project at Varanasi to regularly clean, collect waste and hand over waste to ULB for its processing & disposal. Similar projects have been approved for 5 more towns namely Haridwar, Bithoor, Kanpur, Allahabad and Mathura-Vrindavan.
- States have been advised for making adequate arrangements for the drains joining the river, stretching at least 1 km from the river confluence, for trapping the solid waste entry to rivers and its regular cleaning on top priority, such as screens, in the drains. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has been coordinating & monitoring this with the States.

These interventions are taken up in co-ordination with concerned urban local body to ensure that the collected waste is removed and taken for further processing and disposal.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) to (e) of Unstarred Question No. 2639 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 02.08.2018 regarding “Solid Waste Management”.

List of Towns, Along Main Stem of River Ganga, Identified for Solid Waste Management

S.no.	Town
Uttarakhand	
1	Haridwar
2	Rishikesh
3	Muni-ki-Reti
4	Tapovan
5	Chamoli-Gopeshwar
6	Srinagar
7	Uttarkashi
8	Joshimath
9	Rudraprayag
10	Gauchar
11	Karanprayag
12	Devprayag
13	Badrinath
14	Nandprayag
15	Kirtinagar
16	Gangotri
Uttar Pradesh	
1	Kanpur
2	Varanasi
3	Allahabad
4	Farrukhabad
5	Mirzapur
6	Ghazipur
7	Mughalsarai
8	Ballia
9	Bijnore
10	Kannauj
11	Gangaghat
12	Ram Nagar
13	GarhMukteshwar
14	Chunar
15	Anupshahar
16	Hastinapur
17	Saidpur
18	Narora
19	Babralla
20	Allahabad
21	Bithoor
Bihar	
1	Patna
2	Bhagalpur
3	Munger

S.no.	Town
4	Chhapra
5	Danapur
6	Hajipur
7	Buxar
8	Jamalpur
9	Begusarai
10	Barh
11	Mokameh
12	Sultanganj
13	Fatuha
14	Bakhtiyarpur
15	Barahiya
16	Sonepur
17	Kahelgaon
18	Barauni
Jharkhand	
1	Sahebganj
2	Rajmahal
West Bengal	
1	Baidyabati
2	Bansberia
3	Baranagar
4	Berhampore
5	Bhadreswar
6	Bhatpara
7	Budge Budge
8	Chakdah
9	Chamdany
10	Chandannagore MC
11	Dhulian
12	Diamond Harbour
13	Garulia
14	Gayeshpur
15	Haldia
16	Halisahar
17	Hooghly Chinsurah
18	Howrah MC
19	Jangipur
20	Jiaganj-Azimganj
21	Kalyani
22	Kamarhati
23	Kanchrapara
24	Katwa

S.no.	Town
25	Khardah
26	Kolkata MC
27	Konnagar
28	Krishnanagar
29	Maheshtala
30	Murshidabad
31	Nabadwip
32	Naihati
33	North Barrackpore
34	Panihati
35	Rishra
36	Santipur
37	Serampore
38	Titagarh
39	Uluberia
40	UttarparaKotrung

