

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 365**  
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

**SEWAGE NETWORK AROUND GANGA RIVER**

365. SHRI PINAKI MISRA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that none of the clean Ganga projects have been able to get any headway in the past several decades despite spending hundreds of crores of rupees due to the absence of proper sewage network around the major path of Ganga river and if so, the details and the facts thereof;
- (b) whether the Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are responsible for treating only that sewage which is conveyed to it but are not responsible for ensuring definite conveyance of the sewage to its plants and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to broaden the scope of the STPs and entrust them with the responsibility of ensuring the conveyance of the sewage to its plants also and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

- (a) No, Madam. It's not fact that none of the clean Ganga projects have been able to get any headway in the past several decades. In fact, sewage treatment capacity of approx 1684 Million Litres per Day (MLD) has been created through interception & diversion (I&D) and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) projects since 1985 in Ganga Action Plan-I (GAP-I), GAP-II, National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), Namami Gange and others schemes in the towns along Ganga. With respect to projects of sewer networks, out of 4812 KM of sanctioned sewer network, approx 2050 KM sewer lines have been laid till now under Namami Gange Programme including NGRBA.
- (b) No, Madam. Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are designed for treatment of sewage being received in the STP. To bring the sewage to STPs, conveyance systems in the form of sewer networks and/or I&D infrastructures are laid depending on site conditions and feasibility of the project.
- (c) The scope of STPs cannot be broadened as STPs are designed to treat the sewage being received in STPs. Sewage can be brought to STP by laying of sewer networks and/or creating I&D works. The works of STPs and sewer networks or I&D can be done separately or clubbed together, depending on the project design.

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