

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF RIVERS

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

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated for development of rivers in the country along with rejuvenation of Ganga river on the initiative of the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred on rejuvenation of Ganga river and development of rivers so far?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam.

The works relating to rejuvenation of River Ganga and its tributaries is undertaken by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR), while the pollution abatement work for rest of the rivers is undertaken by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC).

Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the pollution of river Ganga by providing financial assistance to the States. The Government has approved Namami Gange Programme in May, 2015 for conservation of river Ganga and its tributaries with an outlay of Rs.20,000 crore. Till date, 105 projects have been sanctioned for development of sewerage infrastructure to provide a total treatment capacity of 3293.68 million liters per day (MLD) (including rehabilitation of 887.00 MLD) and laying of sewerage network of 4842.30 km at an estimated cost of Rs.17485.11 crore. Out of these, 26 projects have been completed creating new sewage treatment plant (STP) capacity of 328.13 MLD and rehabilitated 92 MLD of STP capacity. In addition, 44 projects are at advanced stages of completion to create new STP capacity of 769 MLD and rehabilitation of 86 MLD capacity. Further, a total of 67 projects have been sanctioned for river front development, development of ghats and crematoria, ghat cleaning and river surface cleaning activities at an estimated cost of Rs.1274.5 crore. Out of these, 24 projects have been completed and other projects are at various stages of implementation.

For cleaning and rejuvenation of Ganga River and development of its tributaries, Government of India has released Rs.6,211.27 crore to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) since its inception i.e. from Financial Year 2011-12 to till 30 June, 2018. Out of this, NMCG has spent/released Rs.4,322.37 crore to State Governments / State Programme Management Groups/ CPSUs/ Other Executing Agencies from Financial Year 2011-12 to 30 June, 2018.

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution in identified stretches of various rivers (other than Ganga and its tributaries) on cost sharing basis between the Central & State Governments. The works taken up under NRCP, inter-alia, includes interception & diversion of raw sewage, construction of sewerage systems, setting up of STPs, low cost sanitation, river front/bathing ghat development, etc. NRCP has covered polluted stretches of 32 rivers in 76 towns spread over 14 States at a sanctioned cost of Rs.4581.91 crore. So far, Central share of Rs.2258.72 crore has been released to the State Governments for implementation of various pollution abatement schemes. So far, sewage treatment capacity of 2472.43 MLD has been created under the NRCP.
