

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2713
ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

CLEANING OF GANGA RIVER IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the number of schemes/projects completed and those on which work is going on for cleaning of Ganga river in Bihar as on date;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any time-limit to complete the said schemes/ projects; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) A variety of initiatives meant for cleaning of river Ganga including treatment of municipal sewage, industrial effluent, drain bio-remediation, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, river front development, construction of ghats and crematoria, afforestation & biodiversity conservation, public outreach programme etc. have been taken up. For pollution abatement, 25 sewerage infrastructure projects, at sanctioned cost of Rs.4988.57 crore have been taken up in Bihar, targeted for creation of 595 Million Litres per Day (MLD) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) capacity and 1737.71 Kms sewerage network.

For better human river interaction, one river front development project, including development of 20 ghats and 6.6 km of promenade, with sanctioned cost of Rs.243.27 crore has been taken up. In phase-I, 16 ghats and 4.8 km of promenade has been completed. Also, work for construction of 14 ghats and 1 crematorium at sanctioned cost of Rs.63.78 crore have been taken up in addition to intensive afforestation as per Detailed Progress Report (DPR) prepared by Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun.

All these schemes are targeted to be completed by December 2020.