GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1024 ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019

CLEANING OF YAMUNA RIVER

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether river Yamuna proves sufficient for Delhi to supply water throughout the year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to include river Yamuna in any river-linking project and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to clean river Yamuna, improve its condition and to prevent industrial and other toxic waste from being disposed in it during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) Water Supply to delhi in made sourcing water from Yamuna, Ganga, Ravi-Beas and ground water.

(b) Yes. Under the Himalayan Component of National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified Sarda-Yamuna and Ghaghra-Yamuna link projects related to Yamuna river. NWDA completed the Pre-feasibility reports of these two link projects and circulated among party States. The draft Feasibility Reports of India side of Sarda-Yamuna and Ghaghra-Yamuna link projects have also been completed. However, quantum of water through the links can be known only after finalisation of DPR of Pancheswar project in Nepal. The quantum of water so finalised after completion of DPR of Pancheswar project, inter-alia, will also augment Yamuna river upstream of NCR of Delhi.

(c) The cleaning of Rivers is a continuous process and Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the States for checking the rising level of pollution of river Yamuna, a tributary of River Ganga, by providing financial assistance to different States of Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in phased manner since 1993 under the Yamuna Action Plan (YAP). Presently, Government of India / National Mission for Clean Ganga has sanctioned 25 projects costing Rs. 4598 crore in Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh under Namami Gange Programme to conserve the River Yamuna. In addition, following initiatives have also been taken for cleanliness of river Yamuna:

- (i) To remove the floating trash from the river surface trash skimmers have been deployed at Mathura & Delhi.
- (ii) A project for regular cleaning of ghats has been sanctioned for Mathura and Prayagraj.