GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI, DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4188 ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

BEAUTIFICATION OF RIVER GHATS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for cleaning and beautification of river ghats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether applications submitted by the State Governments are pending in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which funds are likely to be sanctioned and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (d) Ghat cleaning works are primary responsibility of State Governments and Urban Local Bodies / Gram Panchayats.

However, a project for cleaning of 84 ghats at Varanasi was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.15 crore for 3 years by National Mission for Clean Ganga of Ministry of Jal Shakti . Subsequently, ghat cleaning projects have been taken up at Haridwar (72 ghats), Bithoor (19 ghats), Kanpur (20 ghats), Allahabad (21 ghats) and Mathura- Vrindavan (27 ghats). No application from the State Governments for Ghat cleaning is pending with National Mission for Clean Ganga under Namami Gange programme. River Front Development and construction/renovation/modernization of ghats have also been taken up on river Ganga.
