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FUNDS TO NAMAMI GANGE PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the funds allocated to the States of Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal under the Namami Gange Programme during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details and the progress report of the work done under the Namami Gange Project, State-wise including in Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal, district and year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that only tree plantation has been done in several States including Bhagalpur, Patliputra, Darbhanga parliamentary constituencies under the project; and
- (d) if so, the details of the number of trees planted along with the funds spent on it including in the above said constituencies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

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(a) Namami Gange Programme was launched in June 2014 for a period up to 31st March, 2021 to rejuvenate River Ganga and its tributaries. The programme was subsequently extended up to 31st March, 2026.

There is no State-wise allocation under Namami Gange Programme (NGP). No fund has been released to the state of Maharashtra under the said Programme as it is not a Ganga Basin State. The funds released for implementation of projects in Bihar and West Bengal under the NGP during the last three years and the current year (i.e. FY 2019-20 to 31 October 2022) are as under:

State	Amt. (Rs. in crore)
Bihar	2,270.16
West Bengal	466.53

(b) The status of sewerage management projects taken up under Namami Gange Programme at Bihar and West Bengal are as under:

Bihar - 33 sewerage management projects have been taken up with a sanctioned cost of Rs.5731.78 crore for creation of 676.1 Million Litres per Day (MLD) of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) capacity and laying of 1770 km sewerage network. Out of these 10 project have been completed thereby creating 233.5 MLD STP capacity and 1113 km of sewerage network laid.

West Bengal – 26 sewerage management projects have been taken up with a sanctioned cost of Rs.4067.18 crore for creation / rehabilitation of 871 Million Litres per Day (MLD) of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) capacity and laying of 1030 km sewerage network. Out of these 11 projects have been completed thereby creating / rehabilitating 274 MLD STP capacity and 842 km of sewerage network laid.

The State-wise details of sanctioned projects, their cost allocation and completed projects are annexed at **Annexure-I**. List of projects in Bihar and West Bengal is annexed at **Annexure-II**.

Maharashtra:- No work has been taken in the State of Maharashtra under Namami Gange Programme. However, under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), eight STPs of total treatment capacity of 260 MLD for sanctioned cost of Rs. 192.6 crore have been set up in 6 towns of Maharashtra namely Karad (28 MLD for river Krishna), Kolaphur (2 STPs of 78 MLD for river Panchganga), Nanded (26 MLD for river Godavari), Nashik (2 STPs of 100 MLD for river Godavari), Sangli (27 MLD for river Krishna), Trimbakeshwar (1 MLD for river Godavari), while other infrastructure works have been taken up in Prakkasha.

Ongoing projects: Pollution abatement work of Mula Mutha River at Pune, Maharashtra at a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 990.26 crore envisaging 11 STPs of 396 MLD capacity along with sewerage system, etc. are under construction. Pollution abatement of Nag River at Nagpur, Maharashtra at the cost of Rs.1926.99 crore has been recently inaugurated for implementation under NRCP.

(c) Under Namami Gange Programme, sewerage management projects have been taken up in Patna and Bhagalpur. In addition, development of river front, ghats & crematoria have also been taken up at Patna.

Under the Namami Gange Program, financial assistance is provided for implementing forestry interventions in the five Ganga bank States of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal as per the DPR prepared by FRI Dehradun since the year 2016-17 onwards. The forestry interventions in Bihar State include Bhagalpur, Patliputra & Darbhanga forest divisions.

So far 30,071 hectare plantation has so far been carried out under Namami Gange Programme, for which an expenditure of Rs. 347.02 crores has been incurred by the State Forest Departments of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.

(d) The detail of the number of trees planted & funds spent by the 5 Ganga bank States, including Bihar, from 2016-17 to till date is as follows:

State	Area in ha.	No. of Plants	Expenditure (Rs. In Cr.)
Uttarakhand	10357	7344400	128.54
Uttar Pradesh	8820	4639275	71.08
Bihar	7895	1584702	97.76
Jharkhand	884	723420	26.25
West Bengal	2115	2218449	23.39
Total	30071	16510246	347.0

As per information provided by the State Forest Department, Bihar, details of plantation done in the three forest divisions of Bhagalpur, Patliputra & Darbhanga are as follows:

2016-17 to 2021-22				
State	Forest Division	Area in ha.	No. of Plants	Expenditure (Rs. In Cr.)
Bihar	Patna (Patliputra)	438.31	68072	6.103
	Bhagalpur	1228.32	324760	39.878
	Mithila (Darbhanga)	221.00	34900	0.899
