

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA  
REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2610**

ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

**NRCP IN WEST BENGAL**

2610. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR

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

- (a) the details of the polluted rivers identified under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in West Bengal;
- (b) the details of the works undertaken for abatement of pollution in West Bengal including the setting up of sewage treatment plants along the stretches of the rivers during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated under the plan to West Bengal during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in association with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in different States/Union Territories (UTs) have been monitoring the water quality of rivers and other water bodies through a network of monitoring stations under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWQMP). Based on water quality monitoring results, pollution assessment of rivers has been carried out by CPCB from time to time. As per the last report published by CPCB in November, 2022, throughout the country, 311 polluted stretches were identified on 279 rivers based on monitoring results in terms of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), an indicator of organic pollution. Detail of polluted river stretches in West Bengal is at **Annexure**.

It is the responsibility of the States/UTs, Local Bodies and Industrial Units to ensure required treatment of sewage and industrial effluents to the prescribed norms before discharging into rivers and other water bodies, coastal waters or land to prevent and control of pollution therein. Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti supplements the efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial and technical assistance for pollution abatement in identified stretches of rivers in the country through the Central Sector Scheme of 'NamamiGange' for rivers in Ganga basin, and the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for other rivers.

Under NRCP, no projects were sanctioned in West Bengal during last three years. However, under 'NamamiGange' Programme, 8 pollution abatement projects have been taken up in West Bengal in last 3 years with the total sanctioned cost of Rs.1460.80 crore wherein, sewage treatment plant (STP) capacity of 213.15 million litre per day (MLD) will be created in towns/areas of Barrackpore, North Barrackpore, Tolleys Nala (Adi Ganga), Beliaghata Circular Canal, Garden reach, Mahestala, Keorapukur and Burdwan municipalities.

Funds released During the last three years and in current financial year (till 31 January 2023), for implementation of these projects under the NamamiGange Programme are as under:-

<b>Beneficiary Agencies</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amt in Rs. crore</b>
State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG)	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects, Institutional Development, Communication & Outreach Activities	320.60
National Project Construction Corporation Limited	Ghats & Crematoria Projects	6.88
State Forest Deptt.	Afforestation	10.91
Ganga STP Project Pvt. Ltd.	Sewerage Infrastructure Projects at Howrah, Bally, Barangar & Kamarhatti under Hybrid Annuity Mode.	158.14
Maheshtala Waste Water Management Pvt. Ltd.	Sewerage Infrastructure Project at Maheshtala under Hybrid Annuity Mode.	19.03
<b>Total</b>		<b>515.56</b>

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**ANNEXURE****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARA (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2610 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16.02.2023 ON 'NRCP IN WEST BENGAL'**

S No	State	River	Polluted River Stretch/ Location	Max BOD observed (mg/l)	Priority
1	West Bengal	Mahananda	Along Siliguri	31	I
2		Churni	Bijoypur to Ranaghat	20.8	II
3		Vindyadhari	Haroa to Malancha	29.6	II
4		Matha Bhanga	Along Gobindapur	15.3	III
5		Jalangi	Along Krishna Nagar	6.2	IV
6		Ganga	Behrampur to Haldia	8	IV
7		Kansi	Along Midnapore	6.3	IV
8		Barakar	Along Asansol	3.1	V
9		Damodar	Dishergarh to Burdwan	5.2	V
10		Dwarakeshwar	Along Bankura Town	3.8	V
11		Dwarka	Along Tarapith	5.7	V
12		Rupnarayan	Kolaghat to Geonkhali	3.7	V
13		Teesta	Along Sevoke	3.8	V

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