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NAMAMI GANGE PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for National Mission for Clean Ganga and construction of Ghats (piers) under Namami Gange Programme;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the optimal use of allocated fund and monitoring thereof; and
- (c) the works completed at ghats (piers) in West Bengal and Bihar till date under Namami Gange Programme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Namami Gange Programme was launched in 2014-15 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.

The details of budgetary provisions, funds release by Government of India to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and funds released/expended by NMCG to State Governments, State Missions for Clean Ganga and other agencies for implementation of projects under the programme from FY 2014-15 up to FY 2022-23 are as under:-

F.Y.	Budget Provisions (RE)	Funds released by Government of India to NMCG	Released/ Expenditure by NMCG
(Rupees in crore)			
2014-15	2,053.00	326.00	170.99
2015-16	1,650.00	1,632.00	602.60
2016-17	1,675.00	1,675.00	1,062.81
2017-18	3,023.42	1,423.12	1,625.01
2018-19	2,370.00	2,307.50	2,626.54
2019-20	1,553.40	1,553.40	2,673.09
2020-21	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,339.97
2021-22	1900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
2022-23	2,500.00	2,220.00	2,258.98
Total	18,024.82	14,337.02	14,259.99

An amount of Rs.910.50 crore were expended for construction of ghats and crematoria under Namami Gange Programme from FY 2014-15 to 31 March, 2023.

(b) Various measures have been initiated to improve the financial discipline:

In order to minimize the cost of Government borrowings and to enhance the efficiency in fund flows, Government of India introduced Treasury Single Account (TSA). NMCG transited to Treasury Single Account (TSA) system in Financial Year (FY) 2021-22, marking an important landmark in the budgetary process and fund flow mechanism of Namami Gange Mission (NGM). 99.9% of the transactions in NMCG are now through TSA system, which ensures no parking of funds and its full utilization.

Quarterly Audit Review Committee (ARC) and Budget Review Committee (BRC) meetings are being held in every quarter at the level of NMCG and State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCGs). Till date 20 such meetings have been held at the level of NMCG in which discussions held on budgetary allocation and utilization of funds.

Internal audit is now being held regularly. The key timelines for the C&AG audit as mandated by the GFR 2017 and Authority Notification are being complied with.

Monthly project-wise expenditure is being monitored now. Fund release is being done project-wise, instead of a consolidated release to SMCGs, as was being done earlier. The project-wise expenditure is now part of the utilization certificates. These financial discipline measures resulted in significant reduction in the pending utilization certificates (UCs).

Empowered Task Force (ETF) meetings held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti with all stakeholders including central ministries, State Governments for effective implementation of the programme, apart from the periodic review meetings held by Senior officials.

To ensure decentralized monitoring and improved transparency, Ganga District Performance Monitoring System for District Ganga Committees 4M (Monthly, Mandated, Minuted and Monitored) meetings were launched by Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, on 6th April 2022. As on June, 2023, over 1715 monthly meetings were held under the chairmanships of District Magistrates.

Field visits for close monitoring of ongoing projects are taken up regularly.

(c) The details of works completed at ghats (piers) in West Bengal and Bihar till 30th June,2023 under Namami Gange Programme are as follows:

Sl.	State	No. of Ghats Sanctioned	No. of Ghats Completed
1.	West Bengal	17	11
2.	Bihar	56	49
