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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 19.03.2020

FUNDS FOR NAMAMI GANGE PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has managed to spend only 47.12 per cent of the total funds allocated for the Namami Gange project in 2019-20 despite the fact that the programme received a 67.39 per cent lower allocation as compared to the previous year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the means through which the Government plans to rectify these errors; and
- (c) whether the 6.7 per cent increase in the budget allocation for the year 2020-21 is seen as being useful and necessary and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) No Sir. During the financial year 2019-20, the final allocation for the Namami Gange Programme is Rs.1,553.44 crore against the Budget Allocation of Rs.1,970.00 crore. The Government of India has released Rs.1,553.40 crore to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) during the current financial year till 29 February 2020. The expenditure as on 13.03.2020 is Rs.2,453.91 crore which includes the carry forward funds of previous year.

The final allocation for Namami Gange Programme for the financial year 2018-19 was Rs.2,370.00 crore against which Government of India has released Rs.2,307.50 crore to NMCG. The expenditure was Rs.2,626.54 crore which includes the carry forward funds of previous year. The programme has gained momentum and utilisation of funds have substantially picked up since FY 2017-18 as seen from the table given below:-

Year	Expenditure incurred in Rs. in Crore
2014-15	170.99
2015-16	602.60
2016-17	1062.81
2017-18	1625.01
2018-19	2626.54
2019-20 (Till 13.03.2020)	2453.91
Total	8541.86

(b) The final allocation for financial year 2019-20 is sufficient to meet the funds requirement of current financial year.

(c) The Budgetary Allocation for the Namami Gange Programme, for the financial year 2020-21 is Rs.1,640.02 crore. Based on the progress of projects under the programme, if additional funds are required, the revised allocation will be sought from the Government at RE stage.
