

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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CSR PROJECTS UNDER NAMAMI GANGE PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of CSR projects being offered under Namami Gange Programme; and
- (b) the promised financial outlay and the expenditure plan for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Government of India has set-up Clean Ganga Fund (CGF), as a trust under the Indian Trust Act, 1882, to allow resident Indians, Non Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origins (PIOs), Corporates (Public as well as private sector) to contribute towards the conservation of the river Ganga. The contributions to Clean Ganga Fund falls within the purview of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity as defined in Schedule VII to the Companies Act, 2013. The Corporate Sector Contribution to the Clean Ganga Fund till 30th June, 2021 amounts to Rs.365.38 crore. The amounts accrued to the CGF can be used for different projects & activities as approved by the trust.

There is a dedicated website under Clean Ganga Fund on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), inviting corporate to participate in the Namami Gange Programme. The following activities are offered under CSR:-

- 1) Ghats Construction /Modification / Extension.
- 2) Cleaning of Ghats.
- 3) Providing Amenities at important Ghats.
- 4) Crematoria Construction / Modification / Extension.
- 5) Ganga Gram.
- 6) Bioremediation of Nallas & Drains.
- 7) Information Education Communication (IEC) Activities.
- 8) River Surface Cleaning using Trash Skimmers
- 9) Solid Waste Management.
- 10) Tree Plantation.

The following projects are financed by the Corporate under the CSR initiatives:-

- I. Development of Har ki Pauri Complex in Haridwar at a cost of Rs.34.00 crore under CSR initiative of Indian Oil Corporation Limited;
- II. Development of Karnwas Banger Ghat at a cost of Rs.3.21 crore under CSR initiative of State Bank of India;
- III. Development of Ghat & Crematoria at Badrinath & Gangotri at a cost of Rs.26.64 crore under CSR initiative of Indo-Rama Trust.