

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3455**  
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022  
**POLLUTION IN RIVERS**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the major rivers like Ramganga, Garra and Khannaut under Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh are polluted;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to make major rivers flowing through Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency pollution free; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) to (d):** Government of India (GoI) has launched the Namami Gange Programme in 2014-15, to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga and its tributaries. GoI is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the challenges of pollution of river Ganga and its tributaries by providing financial and technical assistance under Namami Gange Programme.

River Garra is a tributary of river Ramganga and river Khannaut is tributary of river Garra. Hence River Ramganga, Garra and Khannaut are 1<sup>st</sup> level, 2<sup>nd</sup> level and 3<sup>rd</sup> level tributaries of river Ganga respectively.

Moradabad and Bareilly are the major towns located along River Ramganga, a tributary of river Ganga. For the abatement of the pollution of river Ramganga due to discharge of untreated sewage, 3 sewerage infrastructure projects at an estimated cost of Rs.720 crore towards development of 146 MLD STP capacity in the towns of Moradabad and Bareilly have been taken up under Namami Gange Programme. One project at Moradabad for development of 58 MLD STP capacity has been completed while other two projects are at different stages of implementation.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under National Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NWMP) monitors water quality of rivers at 2026 locations in the country. Out of these, monitoring at 02 (two) locations is carried out on river Ramganga in association with Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) in the State of Uttar Pradesh viz., at D/s Sherkot (Kalagarh) and at Kannauj (before confluence of Ramganga with Rive Ganga). There are no monitoring locations on river Garra and Khannaut under NWMP.

Assessment of water quality of river Ramganga for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 indicates that water quality of river Ramganga is meeting the Primary Water Quality Criteria (PWQC) notified by MoEF&CC under E(P) Rules, 1986 with respect to pH and Dissolved Oxygen at both the locations and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) is meeting the criteria in all three years at location D/s Sherkot (Kalagarh) only.

Inspection of 1109 Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) in 2017, 961 GPIs in 2018, 1072 GPIs in 2019 and 2740 GPIs in 2020 located in Ganga basin were also carried out by joint team of technical institutes, concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCGs).

Stringent monitoring, regulation and enforcement towards compliance of Grossly Polluting Industries against regulatory framework mandated under Consent mechanism issued in respect of provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is undertaken through CPCB, State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCC).