

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2009**  
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022

**TARGETS OF NGP**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared annual action plans and targets for Namami Gange Project (NGP) and if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the funds disbursed under the Project during the last five years, year and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is undertaking or proposes to undertake any scientific research/studies to explore innovative solutions to clean rivers and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is taking any steps to clean Ganga and foster a safer environment for its marine life in low lying areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there exists any vacancies in positions or staffing requirements under Namami Gange Project and if so, the steps being taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) The Namami Gange Programme (NGP) is dynamic and evolving in nature to address the emerging needs and priorities for rejuvenation of river Ganga & its tributaries. Under NGP, State level annual action plans are prepared and projects are developed by the States and taken up for implementation after due approval process and efforts are made to complete the projects by their scheduled timelines.

Under NGP, State level annual action plans are prepared and based on that it was targeted that 127 sewerage and Ghat/crematoria projects were to be completed from 2019-20 to 2022-23. Out of the targeted 127 projects 80 projects have been completed till date.

During last three years, 122 projects have been completed resulting in creation / rehabilitation of 1068 MLD STP capacity, laying of 1580 km of sewerage network, development/rehabilitation of 82 ghats & 20 crematoria, river front development at Patna, e-flow notification etc.

Funds are being provided to the Ganga bank State Forest Departments of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal for afforestation works along the river Ganga based on APOs (Annual Plan of Operation) submitted by States. Till date, 30,071 hectares area has been covered with plantation under the Namami Gange programme.

(b) Government of India releases funds to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), which is the empowered nodal agency for implementation of Namami Gange program nationwide. NMCG releases funds to State Governments /State Missions for Clean Ganga/CPSUSs/ Other Executing Agencies.

Amounts released/expended by NMCG to various agencies, compiled State-wise, during the said period are given at **Annexure-I**.

(c) NMCG has taken up scientific research/studies towards rejuvenation of river Ganga. Some of important studies are given below:-

- i) Special and non putrefying of properties of river Ganga by CSIR-NEERI.
- ii) Generation of High Resolution DEM and GIS ready Database for part of River Ganga for NMCG- ( By Survey of India).
- iii) GIS based mapping of microbial diversity across the Ganges for ecosystem service by CSIR- NEERI.
- iv) Rapid Assessment of Sand Mining and its impact on the Ganga river using Drone Technology by IIT-Kanpur .
- v) Pilot TADOX technology in textile sector by TERI.

(d) Government of India has launched Namami Gange Programme, an integrated umbrella programme, aimed to ensure effective abatement of pollution and conservation of river Ganga and its tributaries by adopting a river basin approach. Under Namami Gange comprehensive set of interventions in the areas of wastewater treatment, solid waste management, river front management (ghats and crematoria development), e-flow, afforestation, biodiversity conservation and Public Participation etc. are being taken up for the rejuvenation of river Ganga.

Further, for aquatic biodiversity conservation, 7 projects at an estimated cost of Rs.162.79 crore have been taken up under Namami Gange. These projects aim at Planning and management for aquatic species conservation and maintenance of ecosystem services in the Ganga river basin.

More than 56 lakhs of fish seed have been released in river Ganga for conservation and restoration of IMC & Mahseer. 930 number of turtles have been released in Ganga River apart from supporting the conservation & breeding of freshwater turtles & Gharial at Kukrail, Lucknow. In addition, four (4) rescue and rehabilitation centres for aquatic species have been established.

(e) At present, the posts of Deputy Director General (DDG) and Executive Director (Technical) are vacant in NMCG, but these posts are held by Officers, as additional charge.

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**ANNEXURE-I****ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2009 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022 ON 'TARGETS OF NGP'****Amounts released/expended by NMCG to various agencies, compiled State-wise**

<b>State</b>	<b>F.Y. 2017-18</b>	<b>F.Y. 2018-19</b>	<b>F.Y. 2019-20</b>	<b>F.Y. 2020-21</b>	<b>F.Y. 2021-22</b>	<b>Total</b>
Uttarakhand	242.49	341.44	128.20	124.82	143.63	980.58
Uttar Pradesh	549.88	823.77	821.09	472.46	440.21	3,017.41
Bihar	367.18	673.03	1,185.17	194.43	249.70	2,669.51
Jharkhand	21.72	74.23	30.50	28.03	13.61	168.09
West Bengal	249.35	227.62	70.60	105.06	134.43	787.06
Madhya Pradesh	---	---	---	---	---	---
Delhi	81.57	310.69	214.47	235.00	405.00	1,246.73
Haryana	6.88	---	---	---	---	6.88
Rajasthan	---	1.25	---	---	50.00	51.25
Himachal Pradesh	---	---	---	1.25	2.50	3.75
Other basin wide interventions, including NMCG's operational expenses	105.94	174.51	223.06	178.92	191.47	873.90
Grand Total	1,625.01	2,626.54	2,673.09	1,339.97	1,630.55	9,895.16

**Note:** Amount released/ expended by NMCG in a particular year includes unspent balance carried forward from previous years.

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