

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3422**

ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

**PROGRESS OF INTERCEPTION AND DIVERSION TREATMENT WORKS AT ADI GANGA**

3422. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR

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

- (a) the current status of the Interception and Diversion Treatment Works at Adi Ganga (Tolly's Nullah) including the percentage of physical progress achieved so far;
- (b) the reasons for the cost escalation from the original estimate of Rs. 307.12 crore to the revised estimate of Rs. 653.67 crore along with the measures taken/being taken by the Government to control further cost overruns;
- (c) whether the project, originally approved in August 2017, has faced delays and if so, the details thereof along with the key factors contributing to the revised completion timeline of December 2026;
- (d) the cumulative expenditure incurred so far and the reasons for reported financial underutilization, given the project's significance for pollution control and water management in Kolkata; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure timely completion and efficient execution of the project to restore the ecological health of Adi Ganga?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) to (e)** The Tolly Nullah project was initially sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs. 307.12 crores on HAM Model. The bidding process was prolonged on account of multiple extensions due to various site-specific challenges. Further despite best efforts, the bidding process was unsuccessful.

Subsequently, at the request of the Government of West Bengal, the bidding model for the Tolly Nullah project was shifted from the HAM model to the DBOT model. The bidding process was prolonged on account of multiple extensions due to poor response. Further the bid process was cancelled due to various factors including high quoted costs, limited response and the advice of the World Bank.

The revised DPR for the Pollution Abatement Work for the Rejuvenation of River Adi Ganga (Tolly Nullah), Kolkata Project was approved in the 46th EC meeting held on 23rd December 2022, with a total project cost of Rs. 653.67 crores under the externally aided project (EAP) component (World Bank funded). The project is currently in the tendering stage.

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