

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1138
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2015**

RESEARCH ON MEDICINAL BENEFITS OF RIVERS

1138. SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a comprehensive research for establishing the medicinal benefits of rivers and related health impact on people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial and operational modalities worked out for the purpose;
- (c) whether a study conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has found antibiotic medicines in the water of Yamuna river; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) & (b): Government has decided to conduct comprehensive study related to special properties of the water of river Ganga. The study titled "Assessment of Water Quality and Sediment Analyses is to understand the Special Property of Ganga River" The National Mission of Clean Ganga has given this study to CSIR, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur. The budgetary allocation of Rs. 5,00,00,000 has been made.

(c) & (d): All India Institute of Medical Science New Delhi has not conducted any such study of Yamuna river.