GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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MoUs FOR CLEANING OF RIVERS

4201.   SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any MoUs with national and international river development organizations last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any action plan/road map to clean the Ganga river, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has formulated anti-dumping regulations for waste dumped by industries and factories near rivers in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) No, Madam. The Government has not signed any MoUs with any national and international river development organizations for cleaning river Ganga.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Madam. The Government has chalked out a clear road map to clean river Ganga. Three levels of activities are planned:

>   (i) **entry level activities-** consisting of cleaning river surface, repair and modernization of Ghats, provision of public amenities, village level drain (VLD) treatment, repair and modernization of crematoria
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>   (ii) **Medium level** activities-consisting of creation of waste m9nagement in the cities along river Ganga including setting up of Sewage treatment plants and sewage network.
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>   (iii) **Other Activities** including bio-diversity, afforestation, water quality monitoring and development of Ganga Grams.

(d) & (e) No, Madam. Government has not formulated any new anti-dumping regulations for waste dumped by industries and factories near rivers in the country. The existing provisions under Environment Protection Act (1986) and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act (1974) are used to regulate industries from dumping waste into river Ganga.

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