

[Translation]

Cleaning of Ganga in Bihar

111. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cleaning work relating to the Ganga Action Plan is going on satisfactorily in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the tasks executed in this regard so far along with the amount actually spent in the each task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (d). Of the total 45 schemes for pollution abatement of river Ganga taken up under Ganga Action Plan Phase-I in Bihar, 41 schemes have so far been completed. The progress on remaining 4 on-going schemes of sewage treatment plant is slow. These schemes are as under :

- (i) Sewage Treatment Plant, Eastern Zone, Patna
- (ii) Sewage Treatment Plant, Chapra
- (iii) Sewage Treatment Plant, Munger
- (iv) Augmentation of Sewage Treatment Plant Saidpur in Patna.

As against the total sanctioned cost of Rs 52.35 crores, so far an expenditure of about Rs 49.05 crores have been incurred. Scheme-wise financial and physical progress is enclosed as *statement*.

STATEMENT*Scheme-wise Financial and Physical Progress*

(Rs in Lakhs)

Scheme type	Sche- mes Sanc- tioned	Sche- mes Comp- leted	Sanc- tioned Cost	Expen- diture
1	2	3	4	5
Crematorium	8	8	404.22	364.18
Low Cost Sanitation	7	7	550.34	538.49
River Front Facilities	3	3	87.52	87.78
Operation & Maintenance of Main Pumping Station & Sewage Treatment Plants	LS *	LS *	201.23	298.68
Interceptions & Diversion	17	17	1969.94	1965.46

1	2	3	4	5
Sewage Treatment Plant	7	3	1901.62	1528.29
Others	3	3	119.82	122.32
Total	45	41	5234.69	4905.20

* L.S. - Lump Sum

[English]

Export of Textiles

112. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH .

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH .

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have worked out any multi-pronged strategy recently to promote export of textiles particularly of silk and fine cotton cloth in order to improve India's presence in the World market;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard, and

(c) the foreign exchange earned through export of textiles during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b). Government have not worked out any separate strategy recently to promote the export of silk and fine cotton cloth. However, in order to step up the export of textiles including silk and fine cotton cloth, Government have been taking a number of steps, which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyer - seller meets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangements for duty free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

(c) The foreign exchange earned from exports of textiles, including handicrafts, jute and coir was US \$ 10685.07 million (approx.)

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Basic Telephone Facility

113. DR LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY .

SHRI ANANT KUMAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the third phase of calling of applications for 9 Telecom circle out of 21 Telecom circle only one party has applied for Madhya Pradesh Circle;