

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 98

TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 08, 2024

CONSTRUCTION OF CHHATH GHATS

NO. 98. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress made in the construction of Chhath Ghats in Delhi along with the measures taken to ensure their safety and accessibility;**
- (b) whether any policy is in place or under consideration for the regulated use of public parks during Chhath Puja and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps being taken to raise awareness among citizens about the designated Chhath Ghats and the proper use of public spaces during Chhath Puja?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 98* (18TH POSITION) FOR ANSWER ON 08.02.2024 REGARDING “CONSTRUCTION OF CHHATH GHATS”.

(a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) have informed that besides natural water bodies, temporary water bodies are created by Irrigation & Flood Control Department of GNCTD by digging pits which are then filled with water provided by Delhi Jal Board. These are used as Chhath Ghats for Chhath Puja Celebrations. Before the Chhath Puja Celebrations, meetings at State Level and at District Level are convened with all stakeholders i.e. Delhi Police, Delhi Jal Board, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, District Medical Authorities, Delhi Development Authority and Municipal Corporation of Delhi for co-ordination. Necessary works for safety and accessibility like fencing and construction of steps/ramps and placing of sign board are also carried out at these sites. Further, the Revenue Department, Government of NCT of Delhi makes arrangements of tents for Chhath Puja at different locations/ghats in Delhi.

(b) GNCTD has informed that no such policy is in place or under consideration.

(c) GNCTD has informed that following steps are taken to raise awareness among citizens about the designated Chhath Ghats and proper use of public spaces during Chhath Puja:-

- Regular announcements are carried out through Loud Speakers, Public Address System at and around the Chhath Ghats.**
- Display of Banners at prominent sites with the mention of Do's & Don't's.**
- Spreading awareness and sensitization among citizens through officials of Civic Bodies, Police, Revenue Department and Volunteers/Representatives of Chhath Puja Samiti & Resident Welfare Associations.**
