

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR NGRB AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has announced a soft loan of \$ one billion for the National Ganga River Basins Authority to clean and conserve the river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government purpose to utilise the fund for effective implementation of its objectives?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) Preliminary consultations have been started for seeking World Bank support for the activities of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA). A proposal for availing Project Preparation Facility (PPF) assistance of US \$ 2.96 million from the World Bank has been approved for preparation of the detailed project report.