

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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BEAUTIFICATION OF RIVER BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme for beautification of banks of the Ganga river in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount likely to be spent in this regard; and
- (d) the benefits likely to be accrued to the Government and the people therefrom?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (c) River Front Development (RFD) is one of the identified components of river conservation programme, including for Ganga. This includes construction/ renovation of steps, plantation, landscaping, provision of basic sanitation facilities and solid waste management etc. to prevent pollution of river from littering and other human activities. RFD projects are considered for sanction and funding under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) and National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) besides sewerage and sewage treatment components.

(d) The expected benefits from RFD include prevention of non-point pollution into river from indiscriminate dumping of solid waste on river bank, throwing of garbage, refuse, etc. thus improved water quality. RFD facilitates hygienic, aesthetic and safe access to the river for general public. This helps establish harmony of the city environment with river ecology.