

**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 especially 'Ghats' in Garh Mukteshwar in Uttar Pradesh;
- (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 (d) River front development/development of bathing ghats along the river Ganga is one of the identified components of Ganga Action Plan and National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) programme of the Ministry.

Under Ganga Action Plan Phase-II, a scheme 'Construction of bathing ghat at Brijghat, Garhmukteshwar' was sanctioned by the Central Government and an amount of Rs. 104.83 lakh was released to U.P. Irrigation Department for implementation. The scheme was completed in June, 2009. Under the scheme, a 79 meter long bathing ghat along with one changing room for women has been constructed on the right bank of river Ganga at Brijghat.

Under the NGRBA programme, so far 22 schemes relating to river front development/ development of bathing ghats have been sanctioned in various towns along Ganga at a total cost of Rs. 191 63 crore. Implementation of these schemes will help in improving the environmental conditions and aesthetics in and around the bathing ghat area and mitigating the adverse impact of urban activities along the river front, thus resulting in a cleaner river front.