

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MISSION CLEAN GANGA

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the increasing urbanization and industrialization is the main cause of pollution in Ganga river and also threatening its ecological and hydrological viability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has commissioned a consortium to prepare a Comprehensive River Basin Management Plan for the river Ganga;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the formulated plans of the authority to clean the river under Mission Clean Ganga;
- (e) the extent by which the authorities have obtained their objectives;
- (f) the funds sanctioned by the Government in this regard; and
- (g) the details of the World Bank assistance approved for implementation of National Ganga River Basin Authority programme under the said mission?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the increasing urbanization and industrialisation is the main cause of pollution in Ganga river and also threatening its ecological and hydrological viability. The water quality of river Ganga is affected due to discharge of industrial and domestic wastes from various towns. As per the Central Pollution Control Board, nearly 2900 million litres of sewage is generated every day in the towns along Ganga River. There are 764 Grossly Polluting Industries (GPI) in 5 States located on the main stem of Ganga and its tributaries Kali and Ramganga.

(c) & (d) Government has commissioned a consortium of seven IITs for preparation of the Ganga River Basin Management Plan (GRBMP) through signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the Ministry and the IITs consortium on 06.07.2010. The plan would take into consideration the requirements of water and energy in the Ganga Basin, to accommodate increase population, urbanization, industrialization and agriculture while ensuring the fundamental aspects of conservation of river system. The IITs consortium has so far submitted 23 reports under the GRBMP.

(e) to (g) The National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) in its first meeting has resolved that under Mission Clean Ganga it will be ensured that by 2020 no untreated municipal sewage and industrial effluents flow into Ganga and the investments required to create the necessary treatment and sewage infrastructure will be shared suitably between the Central and the State Governments. Projects amounting to Rs. 2598 crore have already been sanctioned under the NGRBA programme. An expenditure of Rs. 469.30 crore has been made so far towards sanctioned projects in the States under the Authority. Besides, a project with World Bank assistance for abatement of pollution in river Ganga at an estimated cost of Rs. 7000 crore has been approved under the NGRBA for implementation in the States.