

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

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RIVER FRONT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is likely to launch river front development scheme in major cities situated on the bank of the river Ganga with the help of the Japan Government;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Central Government has signed loan agreement with the Government of Japan for implementation of pollution abatement work for river Ganga in Varanasi city at a total cost of Rs 496.90 crores on a cost sharing basis of 85:15 between Centre and State. The pollution abatement works under the project include construction and rehabilitation of sewerage facilities and non-sewerage components including river front development such as improvement of ghats between Assi and Rajghat on the bank of river Ganga at Varanasi.