

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

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BEAUTIFICATION OF BANKS OF RIVER  
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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 the banks of the river Ganga;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be spent by the Government on this scheme; and
- (c) the likely benefits of this schemes to the Government and the public?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As per the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) framework, the States can take up River Front Management projects for integrated area development including urban planning, architecture, culture and heritage, religious practices, etc. along the banks of river Ganga. The Government has approved a project with the World Bank assistance for conservation and restoration of water quality of river Ganga at a total cost of Rs. 7000 crore under NGRBA programme. As a part of this project, Rs. 500 crores have been earmarked for river front management with 30% share from the States.

(c) Under these schemes, specific stretches of ghats can be improved by providing public toilets, facilities for solid waste management and development of ghats for bathing and religious rites, recreational uses and local economic development for the benefit of local residents and users of the river.