

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLEANING OF TRIBUTARIES OF RIVER GANGA

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include the cleaning of tributaries of River Ganga (such as Gomti) in low lying areas as part of the Ganga Action Plan Phase-II;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds likely to be released for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) To improve the water quality of river Ganga, major tributaries namely Yamuna, Gomti, Mahananda and Domadar are included as a part of Ganga Action Plan Phase-II (GAP-II) approved in various stages from 1993. Various pollution abatement works taken up include interception and diversion of wastewater flowing into the river, construction of sewage treatment plants, river front development, construction of community toilet complexes etc. Besides GAP-II, rivers namely Ramganga, Kali and Gandak have also been covered for pollution abatement works under on-going National Ganga River Basin Programme.

Projects amounting to Rs.2418.53 crores have so far been sanctioned for undertaking pollution abatement works for these tributaries and an expenditure of Rs.1965.81 crore is incurred till date. Release of funds is subject to its utilization and progress of works.