

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION CONTROL WORK ON RIVER GANGA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the works undertaken from the funds allocated for cleaning river Ganga;
- (b) whether any proposals have been received to establish sewage treatment plants for the most polluted cities situated on the bank of Ganga river; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, city-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Phase I was launched as a centrally funded scheme in 1985 with the objective of improving the water quality of the Ganga. Various pollution abatement works like Interception & Diversion of sewage, setting up of sewage treatment plants, low cost sanitation works, crematoria works, etc. were taken up. GAP Phase – II which included the tributaries of Ganga namely, Yamuna, Gomti, Damodar and Mahananda, besides Ganga, was approved in stages from 1993-1996. GAP Phase II was merged with the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in December, 1996. An expenditure of Rs.837.40 crore has been incurred for river Ganga and a sewage treatment capacity of 1025 million liters per day (mld) has been created so far under both the phases of the Plan. Proposals have been received for construction of Sewage Treatment Plants at Allahabad (105 mld), Varanasi (140 mld) in Uttar Pradesh, and Hazipur (22 mld), Buxar (16 mld), Begusarai (17 mld) & Munger (28 mld) in Bihar.