

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR CLEANING GANGA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has approved any credit and loan for cleaning the river Ganga;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount received and utilised for the purpose so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A project titled `National Ganga River Basin Project' has been signed with the World Bank on 14.06.11 for loan amount of US\$ 801 million and credit amount of US\$ 199 million. The objective of the project is to assist National Ganga River Basin Authority in: (a) building capacity of its nascent operational-level institutions to enable them to manage the long-term Ganga clean-up and conservation program; and (b) implementing a diverse set of investments for purposes of reducing point-source pollution loads in a sustainable manner to priority locations on the Ganga.

(c) As on 31.07.13, an amount of US\$ 2 million has been disbursed from the loan amount and US\$ 44.94 million from the credit amount.