

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

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NATIONAL GANGA RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Ganga river Basin Authority has been constituted to maintain cleanness in Ganga;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure the cleanliness of Ganga;
- (c) the amount allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to make amendment in the present Clean Water Act, 1974;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be amended; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) was constituted in February 2009, as an empowered, planning, financing, monitoring and coordinating authority with the objective to ensure effective abatement of pollution and conservation of the river Ganga by adopting a holistic river basin approach. The works under NGRBA Programme include laying of sewerage system, sewage treatment plants, solid waste management, common effluent treatment plant for controlling industrial pollution, river front management, crematoria etc. Under the NGRBA programme, 56 schemes in 44 towns in Ganga States have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 3031.02 Crores. An amount of Rs. 988.63 Crores has been released from centre and state and an expenditure of Rs. 785.16 Crores has been incurred till September, 2013 for implementation of the projects.

(c) Details with respect to the amount allocated and expenditure incurred during last three years and current year under NGRBA is given below;

Year	Amount Allocated (Rs. in Crore)	Expenditure incurred under NGRBA (Rs. in Crore)
2010-11	500.00	81.14
2011-12	500.00	236.48
2012-13	512.50	329.99
2013- 14	355.00	137.55
(September)		
Total	1867.50	785.16

(d) No, sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The act has been achieving the objectives envisaged therein.