

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CREMATION ON RIVER BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage widespread use of electric crematorium on river banks and discourage immersion of ashes in river Gagna;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formed any committee to reduce polluting of rivers by crematoriums; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) & (b) The Action Plan drawn under the Namami Gange, the Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission contemplates encouragement to the use of different kinds of improved and environment-friendly methods of cremation on the banks of Ganga and its tributaries. These methods are also likely to provide scientific disposal of ashes and other matter, (c) & (d) An Expert Committee has been constituted to examine the feasibility and suitability of new technology applications in different areas of pollution abatement, including eco-friendly methods of cremation. The Committee comprises of Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Convener of 1IT Consortium and Director, NEERI, Nagpur.