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RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any comprehensive river basin management plan for Ganga and other rivers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, river-wise and the progress made thereunder for each river and the assistance received so far from foreign countries in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) Yes, Madam. A report on "Ganga River Basin Management Plan – 2015" has been prepared and submitted by the consortium of 7 Indian Institute of Technology's (IITs). An Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission – 'Namami Gange' has been launched in June, 2014 which approaches Ganga Rejuvenation based on lessons learnt and by consolidating the existing ongoing efforts and planning for integrated and comprehensive action plan for 'Short-term' (3 years), 'Medium-term' (5 years) and 'Long-term' (10 years and more). The projects and activities under this plan include pollution abatement measures for different sources of pollution and other policy initiatives.

For other rivers of the country, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in pollution abatement in identified stretches of various rivers through the centrally sponsored scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for implementation of projects on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. The pollution abatement schemes under NRCP are sanctioned from time to time on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments.

(b) The Government has started the 'National Ganga River Basin Authority' (NGRBA) for funding pollution abatement projects on a 70:30 cost sharing basis between the Centre and States. This includes a World Bank assisted National Ganga River Basin Project (NGRBP) for Rs.7000 crore, a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assisted Project at Varanasi for Rs. 496.90 crores and projects with Government's own resources.