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NIRMAL GANGA SAHBHAGITA PROGRAMME .

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Nirmal Ganga Sahbhagita for the cleaning of river Ganga;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the works likely to be taken there under;
- (c) whether National Mission for Clean Ganga has signed any Memorandum of Understanding with the urban local bodies of the States that fall in the Ganga basin;
- (d) if so, the details and objectives thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the Ganga a litter free area?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes Madam. The Government has launched 'Nirmal Ganga Sahbhagita' a sustainable initiative with Urban Local Bodies(ULBs) located on the banks of the river Ganga for achieving the objective of Clean Ganga. The initiative aims at sensitizing the ULBs about the pollution in river Ganga arising primarily due to dumping of solid waste in the river/nallas and to involve them in a long term engagement in stoppage of the solid waste flow from nallas/drains to the river. Apart from this ULBs can perform certain activities for achieving the shared objective of rejuvenating the river Ganga. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) intends to enter in to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the ULBs for effective and fruitful engagement in this regard. The draft MoU is being prepared and the broad objective of the partnership is to involve the ULBs in the areas of solid waste management, installation & maintenance of clarifiers/ screens in the nallas/drains to support primary treatment of waste water, maintaining 'litter free zones', 500m along the river basin; engaging volunteer force & youth in ghat cleaning & monitoring and conducting public outreach activities.