

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

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Technology Transfer for Namami Gange Mission

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

- (a) whether all tributaries of river Ganga have been connected under Namami Gange Mission and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of Indian Institute of Technology and other research institutes associated with the mission along with the outcome of research, if any;
- (c) whether any action plan has been formulated for technology transfer from foreign institutes for cleaning of river and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether research projects have been approved under the said mission and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any study has been conducted for the analysis of heavy metals such as mercury and arsenic in Ganga Water; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Works can be taken up in the tributaries of river Ganga under the Mamami Gange Programme. The Union Cabinet has approved the Namami Gange Program on 13th may, 2015 as a comprehensive approach to rejuvenate the river Ganga by expanding its scope to all tributaries under one umbrella at a total cost of Rs.20,000 crore for 5 years. The primary focus of the program is on pollution abatement. The programme envisages 100% Central Government funding for the entire life cycle cost of the treatment assets created, which includes 10 year O & M cost as well.
- (b) Indian Institutes of Technology and other Research Institutes have been requested by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to submit innovative research proposals for consideration of NMCG.
- (c) No, Madam. No action plan has currently been formulated for technology transfer from foreign institutes for cleaning of the river.
- (d) to (f) NEERI has been sanctioned a project to study the special properties of the river, which includes analysis of the river water.
