

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating a scheme for making all 1649 gram panchayats located on the banks of the Ganga free from open defecation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to introduce such scheme in respect of other rivers flowing in other parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) Yes.

(b) Under the Namami Gange Project, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has asked the concerned State Government to prioritise 1657 Gram Panchayats on the banks of Gange river for making them free from Open Defecation. The scale of works (Physical targets) and funds required are given in Annexure.

(c) and (d) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) aims at attaining an Open Defecation Free India by 2nd October 2019. As per para No.4.8 of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Guidelines, the Scheme shall aim to saturate coverage in the first instance the States/ Districts/ GPs in all major river basins of India e.g. Sutlej , Ravi, Beas, Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Narmada, Tapti, Kaveri, Brahmaputra.