

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

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ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014
DEVELOPMENT OF RIVERS WATER BODIES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes presently being implemented for the development of water bodies/ivers in the country;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized during the last two years and the current year for the purpose;
- (c) the achievements made under various schemes;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new scheme for the development of rivers/water bodies in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposed scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a)to(e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 151 DUE FOR REPLY ON 17.07.2014 RAISED BY SHRI SULTAN AHMED, MP (LOK SABHA) REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF RIVERS/WATER BODIES".

- (a) Central assistance is provided by this Ministry to States/UTs under two schemes namely, Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies and Flood Management Programme (FMP) during the XII Plan.
- (b) The details of funds released to the states during 2012-13 and 2013-14 under RRR and FMP are given in Annexure.
- (c) Under the scheme of RRR, a total of 3341 water bodies were taken up for restoration in 12 States, out of which 2033 water bodies have been completed till date. Under FMP, a total No. of 420 works were approved during XI Plan, out of which 252 works were completed. During XII Plan a total No.97 new works have been approved under FMP.
- (d)&(e) Government is giving special attention to rejuvenation of River Ganga. Consultation with different stakeholders viz., Ministries such as Ministry of Environment & Forests; Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation and River Development; Urban Development; Tourism; Shipping; Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation; Rural Development, etc., as well as academics, technical experts and NGOs associated with cleaning of Ganga, is in progress. Crystallization of action plan, including framing of its salient features, time line and likely expenditure would be known only after the finalisation of the action plan for cleaning of River Ganga. Based on the results of the action plan for Ganga, Government may extend the action plan in a phased manner for other major rivers of the country.