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Cleaning of Ganga River

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

- (a) the locations starting from the originating point to the destination point of the Ganga river where cleaning work has so far been done alongwith the extent of success achieved in cleaning of these locations;
- (b) whether the aforesaid cleaning work is being done by the Government or private sector agencies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred on cleaning of Ganga river so far, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) Cleaning of river is a continuous process. Cleaning of river Ganga is being carried out through various activities including treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, afforestation & biodiversity etc. The municipal sewage being generated in cities on the banks of Ganga is being managed by a mix of Interception & Diversion projects, sewerage network and sewage treatment plant (STP) projects.

The four stretches of river Ganga where Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels are more than permissible limits, as monitored by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is given in table below:

State Stretch Identified Length of Stretch (Km) BOD range/ max value (mg/l)

Uttarakhand Haridwar to Sultanpur Adampur 10 4.2-5.8

Uttar Pradesh Kannauj to Varanasi 450 3.8-16.9

Bihar Buxar to Bhagalpur 40 7.8-27

West Bengal Tribeni to Diamond Harbour 50 3.1-5.8

In other stretches, BOD levels are within permissible limits i.e. ≤ 3 mg/l. However, as per monitoring reports of CPCB, entire stretch of river Ganga has high levels of faecal coliform against the prescribed limits.

(b) The projects are being implemented through state executing agencies, various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and private agencies.

(c) National Mission for Clean Ganga remits funds to State Programme Management Groups/CPSUs/other agencies every quarter based on projected requirement of funds for all NMCG approved projects during the quarter.

An amount of Rs. 2396.75 crore has been incurred from 2011-12 to 2017-18 (till 30-06-2017) for cleaning of Ganga and its tributaries.
