

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:839

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CLEANING OF GANGA

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

- (a) the details of the financial allocation made by the Government for cleaning of river Ganga along with the financial support likely to be received from other countries including World Bank;
- (b) whether the National Ganga Monitoring Centre is proposed to be set up by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details and the objectives along with the other steps taken by the Government to curb the pollution in the river Ganga and to rejuvenate the Ganga;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to free all villages along the banks of the river from open defecation under Namami Gange project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the villages to be covered and the cost likely to be incurred under this scheme and extend support to States to expand sewerage infrastructure in all habitations along the rivers?

Answer

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

(PROF. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) The Union Budget 2014-15 has set up an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission namely "Namami Gange" with an allocation of Rs. 2037 crores for Ganga Rejuvenation. The plan formulated for Ganga Rejuvenation provides for 'Short-term', 'Medium-term', and a 'Long-term' action plan, incorporating the projects already sanctioned by National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBP). Presently, a World Bank assisted National Ganga River Basin Project (NGRBP) for Rs 7000 crore and a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assisted Project at Varanasi for Rs. 496.90 crores are under implementation.

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. National Ganga Monitoring Centre

(NGMC) is conceptualized as a Nodal Centre for monitoring the critical aspects of Ganga rejuvenation, such as water and effluent quality at identified suitable locations throughout Ganga, using IT enabled systems, etc.

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has prepared an Action Plan to make 1649 Gram Panchayats along the banks of river Ganga Open Defecation Free at an estimated cost of Rs. 1508.76 crore. Further, 118 urban habitations on both banks of river Ganga have been tentatively identified by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) for extending suitable coverage of sewerage infrastructure.