

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5415
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019

CLEANING OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is seriously contemplating on the issue of cleaning of rivers in the country including Mahisagar River in Anand region of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) Cleaning of rivers is a continuous process and the Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the challenges of pollution of rivers by providing financial and technical assistance. Financial assistance is provided under 'Namami Gange' Programme for the rivers in Ganga basin and under the National River Conservation Programme(NRCP) for the rivers in other basins.

For rivers outside Ganga basin project proposals are received from the State Government from time to time for taking up pollution abatement works in towns along various rivers, and are considered for financial assistance under the NRCP subject to their conformity with the scheme guidelines, pollution status, prioritizations, appraisal by independent institutions and availability of Plan funds.

No project proposal for pollution abatement of Mahisagar river has been received from Government of Gujarat seeking financial assistance under NRCP.
