

plan. The projects and activities under this plan include pollution abatement measures for different sources of pollution, river front development, Afforestation and conservation of aquatic life, Communication and public outreach, water quality monitoring etc. and enforcement of standards and other policy initiatives for ensuring Aviral and Nirmal Ganga.

The 5 States on the main stem of Ganga (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal) have been focused upon presently as priority areas of the action plan. However, the other States in the basin would be involved in the long term action plan based upon the Ganga River Basin Management Plan under development currently by the consortium of IITs.

Restoration of Ganga river

152. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the process of restoring ecological balance of the river Ganga has been initiated; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay;
- (b) whether Government proposes to deal with restoration of the river and what is the funding required for the same;
- (c) whether any expert body/committee has been appointed in an advisory capacity or in any other way to make suggestions, recommendations and solutions to deal with this grave situation; and
- (d) whether Government has any timeline in place for initiation and completion of its restoration and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT): (a) Yes Sir. The Central Government by a Notification dated 29.09.2014, has reconstituted the 'National Ganga River Basin Authority' (NGRBA) to ensure effective abatement of pollution and rejuvenation of the river Ganga and to maintain minimum ecological flow in the river Ganga. The Ganga River Basin Management Plan under preparation currently by the Consortium of 7 IITs aims for restoration of the wholesomeness of river Ganga and its tributaries in terms of ensuring "Aviral and Nirmal Dhara", and maintaining the ecological and geological integrity of the river.

(b) To deal with rejuvenation of the river, the Union Budget 2014-15 has set up an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission namely “Namami Gange” with an allocation of ₹ 2037 Crores for ‘Namami Gange’ and other on-going projects and activities for Ganga Rejuvenation. The fund requirement to deal with restoration of the river in regard to long-term action plan would be assessed based on the Ganga River Basin Management Plan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Ganga Rejuvenation plan has been formulated as a result of the recommendations of the Group of Secretaries and other input provides for ‘Short-term’, ‘Medium-term’ and ‘Long-term’ action plan, incorporating the projects already sanctioned under NGRBA programme.

Waste and effluents in Ganga

153. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to install high tech sensors at critical points along the Ganga to monitor industrial runoff from several units;

(b) if so, the details of the projects with the deadline fixed for installation of sensors;

(c) whether Government is aware that several cities along Ganga have unauthorized industrial units which is the main source of waste and effluents; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to identify and close such units forthwith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued directions under Sec 18 (1) (b) of Water Act, 1974 to State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committee (PCC) of 11 Ganga basin States for installation of ‘Real time effluent monitoring system’ by the Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) operating in Ganga basin before 31st March, 2015.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Under Pollution Inventorization, Assessment and Surveillance