

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL JAT): (a) and (b) Government of Jharkhand has informed that the irrigation potential utilised in the current financial year is 5.66 thousand hectare, as against the potential created of 18.19 thousand hectare. The difference is primarily attributed to many irrigation canals being old and dilapidated, coupled with inadequate funds for their restoration.

(c) and (d) Government of Jharkhand has denied the same.

Plan for Ganga Rejuvenation

3308.SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Ganga water is getting red due to heavy pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of budget allocated for Development of Ganga Rejuvenation and amount of money spent till the end of this month; and

(d) the details of plan/programme going on for Ganga Rejuvenation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARATI): (a) and (b) Consequent upon a news item, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) was directed to investigate into the matter. The CPCB has accordingly, investigated the matter in and around Allahabad and submitted that 'the colour of river water has been reported in the range of 8-25 Hazen units, which seems to be due to moderate turbulence in the river water. CPCB and Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) have been asked to closely monitor the matter.

(c) and (d) The Union Budget 2014-15 has set up an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission namely 'Namami Gange' with an allocation of ₹ 2037 Crores for Ganga Rejuvenation, incorporating the ongoing projects under National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) programme.

In all so far, 76 projects have been sanctioned under NGRBA for ₹4974.79 crore in the 5 basin States of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. An expenditure for ₹ 1000.07 crores has been reported by the basin States against the ongoing projects till September, 2014.