

Funds for irrigation schemes in Uttarakhand

†131. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds for various irrigation schemes of Uttarakhand are yet to be released;

(b) if so, the names of the items for which funds are to be released;

(c) whether the Ministry has received proposals for approval of some new projects from the State;

(d) if so, whether the funds have been released for the projects after approval; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Central Assistance (CA) of ₹ 121.373 crore has been released during 2015-16 for 651 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) Schemes of Uttarakhand. No other proposal from the State is pending with the Ministry at present.

(c) to (e) No proposal for approval of new projects for funding has been received from the Government of Uttarakhand during current year.

Contribution of municipal sewage towards pollution in Ganga

132. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state the details of percentage contribution of municipal sewage from towns located along the bank of river Ganga, out of the total measurable pollution in the said river?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARTI): (a) As per survey conducted by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)/State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), about 6800 million liters per day (MLD) of wastewater discharge (both sewage and industrial effluents) reaches into the main stem of river Ganga. CPCB has identified 764 Grossly Polluting Industries (GPI) generating 501 MLD of wastewater in Ganga basin covering 5 States (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal). The industrial effluent accounts for 7.5% (501 MLD) of 6800 MLD wastewater discharged into Ganga main stem and 30% of BOD load (131 TPD out

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of 426 TPD). Thus, 6299 MLD of sewage and sullage generated by the cities/towns located on the Ganga river basin contributes 70% of BOD load (295 Tons per day) into river Ganga. The wastewater reaches river Ganga through 144 drains directly and 13 drains through its tributaries river Kali-East and Ramganga.

Villages covered under Namami Gange Programme

133. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages covered under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP) for effective management of solid and liquid waste for conservation of river Ganga; and

(b) the total amount earmarked for the said task under NGP?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARTI): (a) Cleaning of river Ganga and its tributaries is being undertaken by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD and GR) under the Namami Gange programme.

The various pollution abatement schemes such as effective management of solid and liquid waste in the ganga gram villages along with other activities to provide Low Cost Sanitation (LCS) at community and individual levels at identified locations, Installation of Crematoria (electric as well as wood based improved crematoria), River Front Development (RFD) including bathing ghats, Afforestation, protecting bio-diversity, and creating Public awareness and participation are planned in the five main stem Ganga States which would directly and indirectly benefit the 1651 gram panchayats located on the banks of river Ganga covering 5216 villages.

(b) Activities for making the villages open defecation free along with Solid and Liquid Management and IEC activities are being taken up through Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS). MoWR, RD and GR has a provision of ₹ 1750 crore for this under Namami Gange and has released ₹ 263 crore to MDWS for 2016-17.

Execution of Namami Gange Programme

134. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of States whose assistance is required by Government in execution of the Namami Gange Programme;

(b) the details of steps, if any, taken by this Government to seek the assistance of these States in this regard?