

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?