

World bank assistance for cleaning of Ganga

1432. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister in his meeting with the World Bank President recently suggested that the cleaning of Ganga would be a very inspiring project for the World Bank to take up;

(b) if so, whether, under the earlier approval of \$ 1 billion for the Mission to clean Ganga by the World Bank in 2011, some amount had already been disbursed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for a fresh request for the same purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) World Bank aided projects for cleaning of River Ganga are in operation since 2011.

(b) and (c) Till date an amount of ₹ 384.58 crores under the head Externally Aided Projects (EAP) of World Bank has been disbursed.

Contaminated ground water in Jharkhand

1433. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is serious contamination of ground water in most districts of Jharkhand;

(b) the details of steps taken by the Central Government to monitor ground water pollutants there, district-wise; and

(c) what are the plans, in terms of timelines, to solve the serious problem of ground water contamination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) As per information provided by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDWS), as on 10.11.2016, 3211 habitations are affected by chemical