Interception and Diversion projects, sewerage Network and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) projects.

[RAJYA SABHA]

The four stretches of river Ganga where Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels are more than permissible limits, as monitored by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is given in table below:

State	Stretch	Identified	BOD range/
		Length of	max value
		Stretch (km.)	(mg/1)
Uttarakhand	Haridwar to Sultanpur Adampur	10	4.2-5.8
Uttar Pradesh	Kannauj to Varanasi	450	3.8-16.9
Bihar	Buxar to Bhagalpur	40	7.8-27
West Bengal	Tribeni to Diamond Harbour	50	3.1-5.8

In other stretches, BOD levels are within permissible limits *i.e.* =<3 mg/1. However, as per monitoring reports of CPCB, entire stretch of river Ganga has high levels of faecal coliform against the prescribed limits.

- (c) and (d) Cleaning of river is a continuous process. However, in Namami Gange 3 types of projects are envisaged:¬
  - (i) Short term project
  - (ii) Medium term project
  - (iii) Long term project

Efforts are being made to complete Short term and Medium term projects by 2020.

## Clubbing of irrigation projects with CADWM programme

1757. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to expand the Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) by covering eight other minor irrigation projects; and

## (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) programme has been brought under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) — Har Khet Ko Pani — from 2015-16 onwards. Government has taken up 99 prioritized AIBP projects for completion along with their Command Area Development works under PMKSY in a mission mode. The main objective of taking up Command Area Development (CAD) works is to enhance utilisation of irrigation potential created, and improve agriculture production on a sustainable basis through Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM).

## Utilization of flood water in water scarce areas

†1758. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to check the flood water flowing into sea through rivers and rivulets in some States in the country, every year and to utilise it in the States/places having less availability of water;
- (b) the details of achievements of rain water harvesting during the last three years; and
  - (c) the steps taken by Government to utilise the rain water throughout the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN):
(a) The inter-linking of rivers is considered to be essential for addressing the twin problems of water scarcity and flooding in the country. Inter-linking of River (ILR) Programme has therefore, been taken up on a high priority. This Ministry has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development envisaging inter-

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.