

(c) The names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and the amount spent by them/released to them on the projects under Namami Gange Programme are given below:-

PSUs	Amount (₹ in crore)
Engineers India Limited	181.80
National Building Construction Corporation Limited	26.32
WAPCOS Limited	74.17
National Projects Construction Corporation Limited	20.81
Engineering Projects (India) Limited	8.68

(d) and (e) Government of India has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments for abatement of pollution in identified stretches of various rivers under the scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. NRCP (excluding Ganga and its tributaries) has so far covered polluted stretches of 33 rivers in 76 towns spread over 15 States in the country at a sanctioned cost of ₹4801.57 crore and Central share of ₹2337.73 crore has been released to the State Governments for implementation of various pollution abatement schemes. Sewage treatment capacity of 2520.43 Million Litres Per Day (Mld) has been created so far under the NRCP.

In context of river Ganga, Government have issued a Gazette notification dated 10th October 2018, wherein minimum environmental flows have been notified that is to be maintained in river Ganga from its origin to Unnao (Uttar Pradesh) specifically at locations downstream of structures of projects meant for diversion of river flows for purposes like irrigation, hydropower, domestic and industrial and other requirements.

#### **World Bank assistance for Atal Bhujal Yojana**

2865. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has approved ₹6,000 crore under the Atal Bhujal Yojana proposed by the Ministry;
- (b) whether geographical priority areas been identified under the scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to ensure active community participation under this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) to (e) The World Bank has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY), a ₹ 6000 Crore scheme, for sustainable management of ground water with community participation. The funding pattern is 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank. The identified over-exploited and water stressed areas for the implementation of the scheme fall in the States of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The scheme envisages active participation of the communities in various activities such as formation of 'Water User Associations', monitoring and disseminating ground water data, water budgeting, preparation and implementation of Gram-Panchayat wise water security plans and IEC activities related to sustainable ground water management.

#### **Allocation for NGP**

2866. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated and number of projects sanctioned under the Namami Gange Programme (NGP) since its inception;

(b) the number of new sewage treatment plants sanctioned and steps being taken to improve the infrastructure in the existing ones; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by the Ministry for the surface cleaning of the Ganga river and prevention of the practise of open defecation in villages on the banks of the Ganga?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION ((DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) The Namami Gange Programme was launched in May, 2015 as an umbrella programme aiming at integrating previous and currently ongoing initiatives by enhancing efficiency, extracting synergies and supplementing them with more comprehensive and better coordinated interventions. Under Namami Gange Programme variety of coordinated