

**Cleaning and rejuvenation of Ganga in Bihar**

1583. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiative taken and money spent by the Ministry in the State of Bihar to clean the river Ganga; and

(b) the details of amount released by Central Government to help the State of Bihar in dealing with floods situation during the year 2014-18 and the details of amount spent out of it by the Bihar Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH):

(a) A variety of initiatives meant for cleaning of river Ganga including treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, Drain Bio-remediation, River Surface Cleaning, Rural Sanitation, River Front Development, Ghats and Crematoria, Afforestation and Biodiversity Conservation, Public Outreach etc. have been taken up. For pollution abatement, 25 sewerage infrastructure projects, at sanctioned cost of ₹ 4988.57 crore have been taken in Bihar, targeted for creation of 595 MLD STP capacity and 1737.71 KMs sewerage network. For better human river interaction, one river front development project with sanctioned cost of ₹ 243.27 crore has been taken. Also, works for construction of 14 ghats and 1 crematorium at sanctioned cost of ₹ 63.78 crore have been taken in addition to intensive afforestation as per DPR prepared by Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun.

(b) The Central Government has released to the State of Bihar under Flood Management Programme following funds during the period 2014-18:-

2014-15	₹ 24.9162 crore.
2015-16	₹ 16.67 crore.
2016-18	Nil

Under the Central Sector, a scheme namely River Management Activities and Works related to Border Areas (RMBA) was implemented under which the following expenditure incurred by Government of Bihar was reimbursed by the Centre.

2014-15	₹ 51.27 crore.
2015-16	₹ 47.84 crore.
2016-17	Nil
2017-18	₹ 52.57 crore.