

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
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CLEANING OF RIVER YAMUNA

2966 # SHRI HARDWAR DUBEY

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for cleaning the polluted Yamuna river flowing along Taj Mahal;
- (b) if so, by when the polluted water of river Yamuna would be made clean; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to prevent the foul odor arising from the water of river Yamuna?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) Presently, Government of India has sanctioned 24 projects costing Rs.4355 crore for pollution abatement in River Yamuna under Namami Gange Programme. These projects are in Himachal Pradesh (01 project), Haryana (02 projects), Delhi (13 projects) and Uttar Pradesh (8 projects). With these projects, 1862 Million Litres per Day (MLD) sewage treatment capacity will be created.

As of now, in Agra city, which is having a total treatment capacity of 220.75 MLD, the total sewage discharged through various drains is about 286 MLD. To bridge the gap between sewage generation and sewage treatment in Agra, the Government has taken up a project “Agra Sewerage Scheme (I&D and STP works)” for creation of additional 178.60 MLD STP capacity at sanctioned cost of Rs.842.25 crore. The project is under tendering stage. After completion of this project total treatment capacity of Agra will become 399.35 MLD against estimated sewage generation of 286 MLD, which will also be sufficient to handle the sewage generation in future.

(b) The cleaning of Rivers is a continuous process and this Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the States for checking the rising level of pollution of river Yamuna, a tributary of River Ganga, by providing assistance to States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. The projects mentioned in Part (a) of the reply are targeted to be completed by 2023 which will reduce the pollution in river Yamuna.

(c) Odor in the river is due to discharge of heavy load of untreated sewage / industrial effluent. All the above projects are at different stages of implementation. With completion of above projects, treatment capacity of 1862 MLD will be created which will reduce such problems.
