

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
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FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR CLEANING OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the name and stretch of the river in the country which can be termed as clean after the inception of the Ministry;
- (b) the details of the total amount of funds allocated and utilised for the cleaning of rivers across the country during the last five years; and
- (c) whether a large amount of allocated funds remains unutilized every year, if so, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Central Pollution Control Board in association with Pollution Control Boards/Committees in different States/UTs have been monitoring water quality of rivers and other water bodies across the country through a network of monitoring stations under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme. As per the last report published by CPCB in September 2018, 351 polluted stretches have been identified on 323 rivers based on monitoring results of 521 rivers in the country in terms of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), an indicator of organic pollution.

Based on water quality monitoring of rivers, pollution assessment has been carried out by CPCB from time to time. Cleaning and rejuvenation of rivers is a continuous process, including self purification.

(b) & (c) For conservation of rivers, this Ministry has been supplementing efforts of the States/UTs by providing financial and technical assistance for abatement of pollution in identified stretches of rivers in the country through the Central Sector Scheme of Namami Gange for rivers in Ganga basin, and Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) for other rivers. Details of funds allocated and utilized/released for cleaning of rivers in the country during last five years are as below:-

(in Rs.crore)

Financial Year	National River Conservation Plan		Namami Gange Programme	
	Budget Allocated	Funds Released	Budget Allocated	Funds Released
2016-17	101.00	98.99	1675.00	1062.81
2017-18	173.50	173.34	3023.42	1625.01
2018-19	150.50	150.32	2370.00	2626.54
2019-20	196.00	136.66	1553.44	2673.09
2020-21	100.00	99.87	1300.00	1339.97

Funds are reported to be not optimally utilized for various reasons, including delay in award of works, land acquisition issues, prevailing site conditions, contractual and labour problems, approvals/clearances required from regulatory agencies, etc. leading to delays in project implementation.