

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 84
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

NATIONAL RIVER CONSERVATION PROGRAMME IN WEST BENGAL

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

- (a) whether any project under National River Conservation Program (NRCP) has been approved in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of polluted stretches identified in the selected rivers;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned, approved, released and spent on selected stretches during the last three years, year- wise and river-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to identify more polluted stretches for the said programme in the State of West Bengal, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI AND TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (d) It is the responsibility of States/Union Territories (UTs) and local bodies to ensure required treatment of sewage and industrial effluent, before discharging into recipient water bodies including rivers, for prevention and control of pollution therein. 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 excluding river Ganga and its tributaries, through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) on cost sharing basis.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) 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 latest report published by CPCB in September 2018, 351 polluted stretches have been identified on 323 rivers based on monitoring results in terms of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), an indicator of organic pollution. Details of polluted river stretches in West Bengal are at **Annexure**.

Under NRCP, no project for identified polluted river stretches excluding river Ganga and its tributaries in West Bengal was approved during last three years. However, under Namami Gange Programme implemented by National Mission for Clean Ganga, a total of 22 sewerage projects were sanctioned in West Bengal at a cost of Rs.3885 crore for pollution abatement of rivers Ganga and Damodar. Out of these, three projects have been completed and an expenditure of Rs.1214 crore has been incurred so far.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.84 to be answered on the 19.07.2021 on 'National River Conservation Programme in West Bengal'

S. No.	River	Stretch	BOD Range/ Max Value (mg/l)	Priority
1	Vindhadhari	Haroa Bridge to Malancha Burning Ghat	26.7 - 45.0	I
2	Mahananda	Siliguri to Binaguri	6.5-25	II
3	Churni	Santipur Town to Majhadia	10.3-11.3	III
4	Dwarka	Tarapith to Sadhak Bamdeb Ghat	5.6-17.0	III
5	Ganga	Tribeni to Diamond Harbour	5.0-12.2	III
6	Damodar	Durgachakm to Dishergarh	4.4-8.2	IV
7	Jalangi	Laal Digghi to Krishna Nagar	8.3	IV
8	Kansi	Midnapore to Ramnagar	9.9	IV
9	Mathabhanga	Madhupur to Gobindapur	8.5	IV
10	Barakar	Kulti to Asansol	5.7	V
11	Dwarakeshwar	Along Bankura	1-5.6	V
12	Kaljani	Bitala to Alipurduar	6.0	V
13	Karola	Jalpaiguri to Thakurer Kamat	3.9	V
14	Mayurkashi	Suri to Durgapur	5.2	V
15	Rupnarayan	Kolaghat to Benapur	3.1-5.8	V
16	Silabati	Ghatal to Nischindipur	3.8	V
17	Teesta	Siliguri to Paharpur	3.3	V
