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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**PROGRESS OF CLEANING OF GANGA**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the progress of cleaning of Ganga;
- (b) whether some State Governments are reluctant to execute the projects; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) Government of India has launched the Namami Gange Programme in June 2014, with the total budgetary outlay of Rs.20,000 crore to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga and its tributaries. Government of India has constituted National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection and Management of river Ganga under Environment and Protection Act, 1986 besides authorities at National, State and District level. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is one of the authorities constituted in accordance with the provisions of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 vide notification no. S.O. 3187 (E) dated 07.10.2016 for the said purposes.

Under Namami Gange Programme, diverse set of interventions for cleaning and rejuvenation of river Ganga and its tributaries have been taken up. These includes pollution abatement activities including domestic sewage, industrial effluent, solid waste etc., River front Management, Aviral Dhara, Rural Sanitation, Afforestation, Biodiversity Conservation, Public Participation etc. A total of 346 projects are taken up at a sanctioned cost of Rs.30,235 crore, out of which, 158 projects are completed. To abate pollution from river Ganga and its tributaries, a total of 158 sewerage infrastructure projects have been taken up with a sanctioned cost of Rs. 24,122 Crore and 70 projects are completed.

Under the Namami Gange Programme, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is carrying out the water quality monitoring of river Ganga in association with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs). As per CPCB data for 2021 (January to May), the observed water quality of river Ganga indicates that Dissolved Oxygen which is an indicator of river health has been found to be within acceptable limits of notified primary bathing water quality criteria and satisfactory to support the ecosystem of river across all seasons and also for almost entire stretch of river Ganga. As a result of multi sectoral interventions, as per comparison of median data of water quality parameters viz., Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Faecal Coliform (FC) of year 2014 and 2021(January to May), Dissolved Oxygen has improved at 40 locations, BOD at 41 locations and FC at 21 locations on river Ganga, respectively.

(b) & (c) Cleaning of river is a continuous process and the Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in addressing the challenges of pollution of river Ganga by providing financial and technical assistance. State Governments are participating in various activities taken up towards cleaning of Ganga.