

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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GANGA UTSAV

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organized Ganga Utsav event recently and, if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (b) the details of funds provided by Government during each of the last three years and the current year to NMCG alongwith the utilization of said funds; and
- (c) whether the NMCG has found out the industrial effluents as the major reason of pollution of river Ganga and, if so, the details of industries established along the river responsible for the pollution?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a): Yes Sir. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) had organised Ganga Utsav on 4th November, 2021. Ganga Utsav was observed at more than 100 locations in Ganga & Non – Ganga Basin area and more than 75 different types of events were held across the country.

As a part of this celebration, various public connect activities like dialogues, storytelling, cultural programmes, literature festival, painting competition, photo exhibitions, marathons, afforestation activities etc. were organised. Ganga Mashaal Yatra with ‘Meri Ganga Meri Shaan’ Campaign was taken out by Ganga Task Force personnel from Rishikesh to West Bengal touching upon 25 locations in the Ganga Basin ensuring public participation of people in the journey.

The Utsav highlights the significance of ‘People’s Connect’ in the revival of Ganga, with focus on encouraging stakeholder engagement and public participation towards the rejuvenation of river Ganga.

(b): The final estimates and funds released by Government of India and subsequently disbursed/released by National Mission for Clean Ganga during the last three financial years i.e. FY 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and for the financial year 2021-22 till 28th February, 2022 are tabulated below:-

Financial Year	Final Estimates	Releases by Government of India	Disbursement/ Expenditure by National Mission for Clean Ganga
(Rupees in crore)			
2018-19	2,370.00	2,307.50	2,626.54
2019-20	1,553.44	1,553.40	2,673.09
2020-21	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,339.97
2021-22*	1,900.00	1,350.00	1,425.75
Total	7,123.44	6,510.90	8,065.35**

(* upto 28th February, 2022) (** which includes funds carried- forward from previous year)

(c): The pollution in river Ganga is not only due to discharge of effluents from industries but also due to domestic waste water as well as from solid waste ingress into the river.

As per the inventorization of 2020-21, 1080 Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) operating in five river Ganga main stem States namely Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal were inventoried in consultation with concerned SPCBs. Inspection of GPIs were carried out during October 2020 to March, 2021 through technical institutes (TPIs). Actions on inspection reports were taken by concerned SPCBs. Out of 1080 GPIs in river Ganga main stem States, 725 GPIs were found complying, 165 GPIs non-complying and 190 GPIs were closed. Among 165 non-complying GPIs, concerned SPCBs issued closure directions to 9 GPIs and show-cause notices to 156 GPIs.

As per CPCB’s data on Grossly Polluting industries (GPIs) inspection in 2020-21, it is observed that about 280.17 Million Litres per Day (MLD) effluents is being discharged into river Ganga main stem having BOD load of 9.68 Tons Per Day (TPD).