

## **Development of Ganga River**

Government of India has allocated/released Rs.1,675.00 crore to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), out of which, NMCG has released/utilized Rs.1,062.81 crore to state agencies/executing agencies for development of Ganga River during the financial year 2016-17.

Cleaning of the rivers is an ongoing continuous process and NMCG has sanctioned a total of 192 projects of Rs.19630 crores for above activities, out of which, 49 projects have been completed so far.

Government of India has launched Namami Gange Programme in May 2015 for conservation of river Ganga with total outlay of Rs.20,000 crores. Namami Gange Programme is a holistic approach to clean Ganga through various activities such as treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, ghats & crematoria works, afforestation, biodiversity conservation, awareness creation & public outreach etc.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation & HRD, Dr. Satya Pal Singh in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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