



# Impact of Hydel Projects on Ganga Rejuvenation

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Government of India has released Rs. 4321.05 crore till date i.e. 28.02.2017 to National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) out of which NMCG has spent Rs. 1984.49 crore. 143 projects have been sanctioned under Namami Gange Programme (including the existing projects sanctioned under National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) Programme) till January 31, 2017, for cleaning of river Ganga.

NGRBA has resolved that by year 2020 no untreated municipal sewage and industrial effluent will be discharged into River Ganga. A report on the six Hydel Projects on Upper Ganga has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change by the Expert Body (EB) which has been constituted vide MoEF & CC's OM dated June 03, 2015 in pursuance of orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No.6736 of 2013 for carrying out Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) and Carrying Capacity Study (CCS) in upper reaches of river Ganga in the state of Uttarakhand on October 19, 2015.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide its affidavit dated November 05, 2015 filed the report of EB on the six hydro electric power projects namely Alaknanda HEP, Bhyunder Ganga HEP, Khirao Ganga SHP, Lata Tapovan HEP, Kotlibhel 1A HEP and Jhelam Tamak HEP alongwith a copy of the Expert Body (EB) report in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Vijay Goel in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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