



Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

Encroachment of Catchment Areas of Ganga River

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Government of India has notified constitution of Authorities at National, State and District levels vide notification at 7th October, 2016 to take measures for prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution in River Ganga and to ensure continuous adequate flow of water so as to rejuvenate the River Ganga. As per the above Authority Order, no person shall construct any structure for residential or commercial or industrial or any other purposes in the River Ganga, banks of River Ganga or its tributaries or active flood plain area of River Ganga or its tributaries. The Authority order also provides for removal of such construction if such construction causes interruption in the continuous flow of water or pollution in River Ganga or its tributaries. In addition, Union Government had circulated Model Flood Plain Zoning Bill in 1975 to all States but only Manipur, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand had enacted the legislation.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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