

**First meeting of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Ganga was held on
13th February, 2015**

A High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Ganga was Constituted on 6th February, 2015 to facilitate interaction among Ministries/Departments & State Governments and to ensure effective coordination for achieving of clean Ganga. The first meeting of the HLTF on Ganga was held under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 13th February, 2015 in the committee room of the Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. The decision taken in the first meeting and the action taken thereafter are as follows:

1. Ministry of Water Resource would move a proposal for the approval of the cabinet for the Ganga Rejuvenation proposal by 20.03.2015, as EFC has already recommended the proposal.
2. All Ministries and State Governments concerned will submit their draft action plan with timelines to Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources by 09.03.2015
3. Taking into account the inputs received from the Ministries, Ministry of Water Resources would identify phase-wise milestones in terms of outcomes and outputs for Ganga rejuvenation, keeping in view availability of funds. Corresponding action points by different Ministries to achieve these milestones will also be identified. This task should be completed by 16.03.2015.
4. Ministry of Water Resources should develop a comprehensive monitoring system to monitor the progress in respect of action points to achieve over all milestones. this should be completed by 30.03.2015.
5. Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development and Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources will work out a proposal for division of work and funding mechanism in consultation with D/o Expenditure, by 27.02.2015 and the same will be discussed separately in a meeting under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary.
6. Ministry of Water Resources will monitor the progress on action points identified in the meeting in PMO and send regular reports to PMO and Cabinet Secretariat.
7. Ministry of Water Resources will in consultation with all concerned Ministries/Departments, prepare an action plan for Ganga Rejuvenation in Jharkhand and monitor the same.

8. The STP of Sahibganj should be grounded by the last week of March 2015 and the DPR for Raj Mahal under preparation by WAPCOS should be submitted by first week of March 2015.
9. A training cum sensitization program for District Magistrates on the Mission and their role would be organized by NMCG.
10. State Governments of the five basin States will prepare by 05.03.2015, an action plan with timeline for modernization of crematoria along the Ganga.
11. Ministry of Water Resources will work out a plan for field trial of the technologies developed by BARC and IITs. A team may subsequently visit and evaluate the performance of these technologies vs. conventional technologies.
12. M/o EF&CC will hold a meeting before 05.03.2015, with representatives of polluting industries situated along the Ganga, technical experts and financial institutions in order to prepare an action plan for mitigation of industrial pollution. A mapping of polluting industrial units along the course of Ganga will also be done as part of this exercise.
13. M/o EF&CC will evaluate the option of a specific law for controlling pollution of Ganga. Simultaneously, a review of the existing laws in this regard shall also be carried out. A report would be submitted by 31.03.2015.
14. Ministry of Water Resources would examine whether critical tributaries such as Gomti, Yamuna, Kali and Ramganga should be included in the Ganga Rejuvenation Plan.
15. Ministry of Water Resources will submit a table showing the details of the projects in the five states with timelines by 06.03.2015.vc