

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL

BENCH, NEW DELHI

O.A. No. 262 of 2022

IN THE MATTER OF:

Sanjay Sharma

...Petitioner

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Union of India & Ors Respondents

Report on behalf of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (D/O WR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti- in the matter of O.A. No. 262 of 2022- Sanjay Sharma vs Union of India (Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change) & ORS

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**DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT &
GANGA REJUVENATION,**

**MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW
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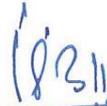
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Sir,

This is with reference to the Hon'ble NGT's Order dated 03.07.2022 in the above cited subject matter and to say that the Report of the National Mission for Clean Ganga(NMCG), DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti in the said matter is attached. The same may kindly be placed before the Hon'ble NGT for consideration in the matter.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


D.P. Mathuria
Executive Director(Tech),

Encl: As above
To

The Registrar, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Faridkot House, Copernicus Marg
New Delhi.

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NATIONAL MISSION FOR CLEAN GANGA**REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL MISSION FOR CLEAN GANGA (D/O WR, RD&GR) MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI -IN THE MATTER OF O.A. No. 262 of 2022- SANJAY SHARMA VS UNION OF INDIA (MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE, NEW DELHI & ORS****1. Background**

- 1.1 The applicant in the above matter has inter-alia alleged non-compliance of the COVID-19 pandemic protocol for disposal of the dead bodies into the rivers and seeking appropriate directions amongst others, for ensuring the compliance of the COVID-19 protocol for handling dead bodies of the COVID-19 infected/ impacted human corpses/ dead bodies into the rivers.
- 1.2 Besides the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti, State Government of U.P and the State Government of Bihar have been directed to submit response in the matter.
- 1.3 The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation(Do WR,RD&GR) Ministry of Jal Shakti is one of the authorities, constituted in accordance with the provisions of Sub-section 3 of Section 3 of the *Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986*, vide notification no. S.O. 3187(E) dated 07.10.2016, inter-alia 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. NMCG is under the administrative control of the D/oWR,RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, New Delhi.
- 1.4 That it is submitted that so far as the NMCG is concerned, the requisite directions were issued to the State Governments of Uttarakhand, U.P, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and other States as well vide letter dated 12.05.2021, 18.05.2021, 20.05.2021, 31.5.2021, 02.06.2021 and 04.06.2021 to the concerned authorities of the State Governments of UP and Bihar besides the Project Director, State Mission for Clean Ganga along-with other States Governments and Union Territories for following up the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines issued by the Government of India and to take other requisite measures. The action take report

was also received from affected districts in the State Governments of U.P and Bihar. The Copies of the communications are enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

- 1.5 That a Report regarding observance of the Covid-19 protocol was also sought by the Hon'ble National Human Right Commission(NHRC) in a Complaint Case No. 1561/4/2021 on the issue of disposal of unclaimed/ unburnt/ partially burnt dead bodies found floating in river Ganga or buried in the ground at the shallow depth of river Ganga. The NMCG had accordingly submitted the Action taken Report to the Hon'ble NHRC inter-alia on following aspects:
- a. Strict compliance of the advisory/ suggestions and guidelines issued by NMCG to State Governments, CPCB, SPCBs and other concerned agencies. The State Governments of UP and Bihar were asked to send report on actions taken or contemplated.
 - b. The dumping of dead bodies into the river Ganga and also the burial of the dead bodies along the bank of the river shall be immediately stopped. Further preventive measures shall be taken for ensuring non-recurrence of any such incidence in future. The State Governments shall tighten the vigil along the river banks to ensure that the dead bodies are not allowed to be thrown/ dumped in the river.
 - c. There shall be prompt and safe disposal/ cremation of the identified dead bodies recovered in the river Ganga or found buried on the banks of river Ganga, as per the Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines.
 - d. To intensify rigorous patrolling and vigilance, all along the track of the flow of river Ganga, by the concerned agencies to avoid/ prevent the incidence of dumping/ burial of dead bodies into river Ganga or on its banks.
 - e. The rural areas shall be vigorously monitored involving local inhabitants/ residents for ensuring due compliance and care due to limited constraints of the availability of financial resources and adequate & proper cremation facilities. To facilitate urgent and requisite support in proper cremation or burial of the dead bodies in the urban as well as rural areas, the state funding support shall be considered for effective implementation of the measures.
 - f. The need to get the water samples analyzed, for the monitoring of contamination of COVID 19 virus and intensive monitoring for other conventional important parameters by the concerned agencies such as; CPCB, SPCBs, CWC was

emphasized. It was also suggested that specialized institutes; such as National Institute of Virology, Pune and National Chemical Laboratory may be associated for testing of the COVID-19 virus in the water samples with CPCB to do overall coordination.

- g. The health departments of the State Government may be associated by SPCBs to ensure the collection and analysis of samples, as per the specified protocols and guidelines. Project Directors of State Mission for Clean Ganga (SMCG) may coordinate, if needed, in this process.
- h. The chances of the spread of the virus, in sewage, may also be monitored by undertaking suitable studies.
- i. To consider the need for sensitizing and creating awareness, among people and concerned agencies to prevent the entangling of Dolphin into the Mahajal, being used for trapping the dead bodies dumped into the river Ganga, and implementation of the suggestion to be ensured in urban as well as rural areas.
- j. SMCG (UP) & Bihar in co-ordination with the State Govts. shall carryout audit of the available infrastructure for crematoria/ burial grounds and to submit a report to the NMCG, on the status and utilization of such facilities
- k. A task force at senior level shall oversee the arrangements for cremation, take-up physical inspections on utilization of crematoria and ensure that no one overcharges. All support will be ensured to deserving families.
- l. CPCB/ SPCB shall furnish periodical report to the NMCG on water quality of rivers.
- m. CPCB in co-ordination with the SPCBs may issue guidelines for creating awareness to communities, particularly residing near the river side, highlighting “Do’s & Don’t” for observance/ use of river water to prevent the spread of infection keeping in view of prevalent surge in scenario of COVID-19.
- n. State Governments shall intensify and take up a major awareness drive to educate the inhabitants/ residents of the riverside communities in districts along river Ganga and other tributaries/ water bodies so as to prevent recurrence of such incidents and ensuring safe health and hygiene of the people at large.

2. Initiatives under Namami Gange Programme towards creating awareness

- 2.1 **Construction of Crematorium:** Large number of crematoria have been constructed under the Namami Gange programme for provisioning of services to the community for cremation of dead as per prevalent belief and following rituals. A list of such facilities created under the program is at **Annexure-II**.
- 2.2 As regards some of the initiatives towards creating awareness for the use of river water and ghats/ crematoriums, Namami Gange programme is focusing on two major pillars of '*Arth Ganga*' and '*Jan Bhagidari*' aimed at sustainable river rejuvenation and strengthening the people-river connect and are detailed hereunder:
- 2.3 To make this mission, a people's movement, several initiatives are taken towards achieving this goal. Some of the interventions, which are made at a regular interval, includes- awareness campaigns, cleanliness drives at ghats and river banks, organizing events to capture the imagination as well as participation of children through competitions (drawing, painting, slogan writing, quiz, sport activities etc.); participation in national and international conferences, seminars, exhibitions and other varied activities.
- 2.4 **Regular awareness & cleaning drives on Ganga:** With a view to spread the message of keeping the river clean and to enlist the support of people in the Ganga Rejuvenation efforts, regular awareness and cleanliness drives are organized with active involvement of schools, colleges & youth groups and volunteers at regular intervals across the Ganga Basin States (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal).
- 2.5 **Other Campaigns:** NMCG has been organizing '*Ganga Swachhta Pakhwada*' (16th to 31st March), *Vriksharopan Abhiyaan* (1st Week of July), *Swachhta He Sewa/Swachhta Divas* (2nd October), every year. Apart from engaging the youth, creating awareness and building knowledge, these campaigns are aimed at sensitising the next generation so as to sensitise them towards river ecosystem and environment as a whole, towards adapting sustainable lifestyle and keep efforts that commensurate with nature. The campaigns witnessed unprecedented response and active participation. The social media reach of the

campaigns under the Namami Gange programme has also reached manifold in the past few years. These campaigns are organized through the *District Ganga Committees*, the district arm of NMCG, for effective implementation of the Ganga-specific activities in the Ganga Basin

- 2.6 **Ghats as Connecting Point:** The concept of '*Arth Ganga*' is being espoused for linking people with the river through '*Bridge of Economics*'. *Arth Ganga* concept was given in the 1st meeting of *National Ganga Council* held on 15th December, 2019. These six key verticals identified under *Arth Ganga* are Zero Budget Natural Farming, Monetisation of reuse of sludge/ waste water, Livelihood generation opportunities, Cultural heritage & tourism, Public Participation and Institution building. Some innovative initiatives- '*Ghat par Yoga*', '*Ghat Par Haat*' and '*Ganga Aarti*' are being organised on a regular basis on the banks of River Ganga and its tributaries.
- 2.7 Some of the new initiatives such as *Ghat Par Haat*, *Ghat Par Yog* has been the most effective way to engage with people at large with million-plus outreach and active participation from students, youth groups and community at large. These initiatives paved a way to involve the different stakeholders in the clean Ganga Mission.
- 2.8 **Ghat Par Haat:** '*Ghat par Haat*' initiative, which primarily aims to promote local products has received inspiring responses from across the Ganga Basin. More and more local people are using Ghats as places to sell their produce and earn a better livelihood. This has come up as an effective way to promote local products and livelihood with a base to connect the people with the river.
- 2.9 **Ghat Par Yoga:** Lakhs of people from the various cities/ towns as well as from the remote areas/ Ganga Grams across the Ganga Basin States & its tributaries joined the '*Ghat par Yoga*' initiative for two consecutive years (2022 and 2023) to celebrate the '*International Day of Yoga*'.
- 2.10 **Ganga Aarti:** Under this initiative, Ganga Aarti's on every Ghat are being promoted which rekindle the connect to the revered river. The priests in the

Ganga Basin are being encouraged and provided specialized training by Namami Gange and Parmarth Niketan to perform ritualistic standard Puja in uniform dress codes. These are becoming good source of income for the local people.

- 2.11 **Ghat Cleaning on Yamuna (in Delhi):** A special campaign to spread awareness about Yamuna cleaning and the role of Namami Gange in Yamuna cleaning was carried out in the national capital. Cleanliness drives are carried out with NGOs, students, civic bodies, volunteers and other stakeholders on Yamuna every 4th Saturday of the month.
- 2.12 **Ganga Bhog-Gangotri se Ganga Sagar Initiative:** Another innovative initiative - '*Ganga Bhog-Gangotri se Ganga Sagar Tak*' was launched in Rishikesh on 22nd April 2023. At the core of the initiative is "*Panch Ma*" concept- to facilitate local Mahila to make laddoos using local Madhu and Mota Anaj (Millets) from local Mitti to be given as Ganga Bhog (Prasad) at Mandirs on the banks of Ma Ganga- is another attempt to involve people connecting Aastha (faith) and livelihood, promoting Hon'ble PM's message of "*Vocal for Local*".
- 2.13 **Ganga Utsav:** NMCG has been celebrating '*Ganga Utsav*' every year to mark the declaration of Ganga as the National River of India on 4th November 2008. The event is a blend of art forms, culture, history and spirituality. It features classical dance & drama, folklore, food festival, dialogues, music & dance performances, satsang, interactive games, engaging storytelling sessions, quiz and films on Ganga. The Utsav provided a viable platform to spread the significance of rivers in India and connect people to Ganga & its ecology.
- 2.14 Regular interactions with youth have been a mainstay at Namami Gange. To encourage and motivate young volunteers, NMCG has been associating with NYKS, Ganga Mitra, Ganga Prahari and Ganga Vichaar Manch. District authorities have also incorporated the Jan Ganga model with Shramdaan, plantation activities, Ghat cleaning done on regular intervals with local community volunteers.

2.15 With the culmination of all efforts, along with the support of the stakeholders, Namami Gange has been selected as one of the top ten *World Restoration Flagship initiatives*, by the UNEP during UN Decade from among 160 ecosystem restoration projects from across the world.

3. FINDING/ OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 The analysis of data shows that no significant or out of trend changes of water quality of river water has been observed due to the non-compliance of the COVID-19 protocol by disposal of dead bodies in the rivers including river Ganga.
- 3.2 The statutory authorities at the State and district levels including SPCBs and District Ganga Committees (GDGCs) are duly empowered, competent and duty bound to take requisite actions to deal with the situation arising from the pandemic, as also otherwise and in cases related to clandestinely throwing/ dumping unburnt/ partially burnt dead bodies, in rivers including river Ganga or even for burial in ground of the dead bodies, on the banks in river Ganga.
- 3.3 NMCG has already issued the necessary guidelines to the State Governments concerned for following the Covid-19 protocol of the Government of India for ensuring the disposal/ cremation of the human dead bodies in rivers including river Ganga and/ or on the banks of the Rivers. The authorities at National and the State level are working in coordination to streamline the situation as per statutory responsibilities assigned to them.
- 3.4 NMCG has been regularly insisting the State Governments that regular and intensive patrolling be undertaken along the banks as well as of the river. The State authorities are required to strictly carry out regular patrolling through police authorities and the officials of the State Governments.
- 3.5 The State authorities to ensure that financial support is ensured to deserving families.
- 3.6 The State Governments may intensify the awareness drive for creating awareness among the communities, particularly residing near the river side, highlighting “Do’s & Don’t” as well as to educate the inhabitants/ residents of the riverside communities in districts along river Ganga and other tributaries/ water bodies towards their safe health and hygiene and avoid cremation of corpses on the banks of rivers.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Based on the requisite measures taken by the concerned authorities at the Central and State level it is being ensured that the dead bodies are not thrown in the river and burial and/or cremation of the dead bodies are performed in a decent manner. No adverse reports have been received in this regard. Thus it is concluded that barring a few incidents during the prevalence of alarming situation of Corvid -19 in the year 2019-2020, the incidence of dead bodies floating in river Ganga and its tributaries have not been reported.
- 4.2 The State authorities are being apprised periodically, from time to time, to cause public awareness about "Do & Don't with regard to the Use of River Water and desist people from throwing dead bodies in the river and its tributaries and observe/ follow the decent way of burial and/ or cremation as per settled rituals.

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D O No. L-64/2/2021/NMCG/002

Dated: 12th May 2021

Dear Sir,

Kind attention is invited to the recent reports in the print and digital media about unidentified dead bodies/unclaimed corpses (suspected to be of Covid victims) found floating along the bank of river Ganga and its tributaries at various places in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

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3. Further, as you are aware, under the provisions of River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management), Authorities Order, 2016, NMCG is mandated to take or caused to be taken immediate action in case of pollution of River Ganga or its tributaries due to any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter entering into the River Ganga, due to any accident or other unforeseen act or event. The Authority has been constituted as District Ganga Committees (DGCs) for River Ganga at district level in the States for identifying activities which may be threatening to the area of specified District abutting the River Ganga, for protection of the River Ganga and its tributaries and accordingly, plan for remedial action thereof.

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Warm regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As above



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2. As you are aware, the country is passing through a critical juncture, as number of COVID-19 cases and deaths have been on the rise in many States and UTs in the recent past. Dumping of dead bodies/partially burnt or decomposed corpses in the rivers, not only causes pollution in the rivers, but is also unhygienic and increases the risk of spreading infections in the communities, inhabiting in and around the regions of the river banks. This is also grave violation of Covid-safety protocol/ Guidelines on Covid 19-Dead Body Management, and necessitates urgent action.

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Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As above



(Rajiv Ranjan Mishra)

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D O No. L-64/2/2021/NMCG/002

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Yours sincerely,


(Pankaj Kumar)

To

All the Chief Secretaries of the State Governments/Administrators of UTs Administration

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Shri Aditya Nath Das,
Chief Secretary,
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AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh)

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Regards

Yours sincerely,

Pankaj Kumar
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Shri Parimal Rai,
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18th May 2021

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Regards

Encl.: As above.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

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With warm regards

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Yours sincerely,

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(Pankaj Kumar)

Shri Sukhdev Singh,
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Government of Kerala,
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Shri Sitaram Kunte,
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Government of Maharashtra,
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Encl.: As above.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

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Regards

Encl.: As above.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Manoj Kumar,
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Yours sincerely,

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18th May 2021

No. L-64/2/2021/NMCG/002

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Encl.: As above.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

Pankaj Kumar
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Yours sincerely,

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With warm regards

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No.: L-64/2/2021/NMCG/005

Dated the 20th May, 2021

Sub: Prohibiting dumping of dead bodies in River Ganga and proper disposal of unidentified dead bodies/unclaimed corpses floating in the river- reg.

Kind attention is invited to the Advisory dated 11th and 12th May issued by Director General, NMCG as well as the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2021 with the State Authorities under Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti on the subject (copies enclosed for ready reference).

2. The concerned State Authorities/Depts./Agencies has been requested inter alia to send weekly reports on actions taken/contemplated with respect to the following:

- i. Immediately stopping dumping /burial of dead bodies/ unclaimed or unidentified corpses into river/river bed or bank of the river Ganga and its tributaries
- ii. Sharing of Standard Practices/Procedures being followed for disposal of dead bodies/ unclaimed or unidentified corpses fished out/recovered from river/river bed or bank of the river Ganga and its tributaries
- iii. Number of unidentified dead bodies/unclaimed corpses fished out/recovered from river/river bed or bank of the river Ganga and its tributaries and disposed/cremated as per the Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines.
- iv. Arrangements made for stringent patrolling and vigilance all along the river to check/prevent the dumping/burial of dead bodies into river Ganga or on its banks.
- v. State funded cremation support for safe disposal/cremation of the spotted dead bodies in the river Ganga or buried on the banks of river Ganga in rural/urban areas and details of fund spent.
- vi. Water quality of the rivers in highlighted regions of the concerned districts
- vii. Audit of the infrastructure for crematoria/ burial grounds and their utilization

Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti has also decided vide minutes of meeting dated 15.05.2021 of the *Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar on follow up Action on advisory dated 11th and 12th May, 2021 issued by Director General, NMCG to State Government of UP and Bihar towards adherence to Covid safety protocol of Government of India Guidelines on Covid 19 Dead Body Management* that State Govts. should send report on actions taken/ contemplated to be taken by 17.5.2021 followed by weekly reports.



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3. The aforesaid reports covering the status on above points in respect of districts abutting river Ganga duly compiled for the State as a whole are yet to be received. It is therefore requested that district wise weekly reports (**assimilating, collating and compiling information specific to above noted points**) for each of the district abutting river Ganga as well as where incidences of dumping/burial of dead bodies into rivers/river bed or bank of the rivers have been reported may be provided at an earliest **within next 2 days**.

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20.5.2021
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No.: L-64/2/2021/NMCG/006

Dated 31st May, 2021

Sub: Prohibiting dumping of dead bodies in River Ganga and proper disposal of unidentified dead bodies/unclaimed corpses floating in the river- reg.

This is in reference to the news reports related to throwing of Covid 19 Dead body from a bridge in district Balrampur, U. P. into river Rapti that is tributary of River Ganga.

2. It may be recalled that Director General, NMCG, has earlier issued advisory on 11th and 12th May, 2021, to the State Government of U.P, including to the District Administration (District Ganga Protection Committees) in the State, with directives amongst others, for ensuring prohibition of dumping of dead bodies in the rivers and that the dead bodies are not allowed to be thrown/dumped in the river Ganga and its tributaries through strict vigilance/regular patrolling in the river/along the bank of the river.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti has also addressed communications on 18.05.2021 to the State Govts./Union Territories administration for prohibition of dumping of dead bodies in the rivers/water bodies and proper cremation and/ or burial of Covid 19 dead bodies in adherence to Covid safety-protocol.
4. Despite that media reports on multiple incidences of illegal/unlawful practice of dead bodies/corpses being dumped into the river Ganga and its tributaries in different parts of the State of U.P keeps on coming up. It is reflecting gaps in enforcement and need to make them more effective.
5. Further, the State Govts. have been requested to send weekly reports (district –wise) which are either yet to be received or the reports that are send are incomplete. It is therefore, requested that you may kindly consider to:
 - i. Direct district administration Balrampur, U.P. to inquire about the reported incidence and furnish a factual status report to NMCG through Project Director, SMCG-UP within **03 (three)** days.
 - ii. Take effective and immediate action under law against violators and erring officials/Departments/Institutions.
 - iii. An action taken report may be provided at an earliest **within 2 (two) days**.

This issues with the approval of the Director General, NMCG.

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To
Chief Secretary, Government of U.P., Lucknow

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URGENT (Most Immediate)

No.: L-64/2/2021/NMCG/007

Dated 2nd June, 2021

Sub: Prohibiting dumping of dead bodies in River Ganga and proper disposal of unidentified dead bodies/unclaimed corpses floating in the river- reg.

Ref. (1): NMCG letter No. L-64/2/2021/NMCG/005 Dated 20.05.2021

Ref. (2): Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, DO letter No. L-64/2/2021/NMCG/002 Dated 18.05.2021

Ref. (3): DG, NMCG DO letter No. L-64/2/2021/NMCG/002 Dated 12.05.2021

Ref. (4): NMCG advisory issued vide letter No. L-64/2/2021 LME NMCG Dated 11.05.2021

This is in reference to widely publicized media reports related to several dead bodies floating in River Ganga at Dalmau in district Raebareli, U. P. Attention is also invited on the references cited here as above with regards to communications addressed earlier on this subject.

2. As you are aware, practice of disposal/consigning of dead bodies in River Ganga or its tributaries is clearly in violation of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, Guidelines/Advisories issued by NMCG as well as the Covid–safety protocol/ guidelines on Covid 19 dead body management and warrants strict action under law against the erring/negligent depts./institutions/agencies/officials of the State Govt. who have failed to prevent such incidents. In spite of this, the incidents of negligence towards compliance to Covid protocols for disposal of Covid dead as well as related matters are continuing.

3. It is therefore, requested to comply with following:-

- i. Project Director, SMCG-UP shall immediately apprise DG, NMCG about latest actions taken by the District administration Raebareli or other district(s) situated on the bank of River Ganga or its tributaries in compliance of the NMCG's advisory dated 11th and 12th May 2021.
- ii. District administration Raebareli, U.P. shall inquire about the reported incidence, take effective and immediate action under law against



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violators and erring officials/Departments/Institutions and furnish factual status/ action taken report(s) to NMCG through Project Director, SMCG-UP within **02 (two)** days.

- iii. S.P., Raebareli shall submit a report to NMCG through DM, Raebareli about arrangements made for regular police patrolling in the river/along the bank of the river Ganga abutting district Raebareli at an earliest **within 2 (two) days**.

This issues with the approval of the Director General, NMCG. ,


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List of 45 districts from which information is pending

| S.No. | District Name | S.No. | District Name |
|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| 1 | Agra | 24 | Hardoi |
| 2 | Amethi | 25 | Hathras |
| 3 | Amroha | 26 | Jaunpur |
| 4 | Ayodhya | 27 | Kanpur Dehat |
| 5 | Azamgarh | 28 | Kasganj |
| 6 | Baghpat | 29 | Kaushambhi |
| 7 | Baharich | 30 | Kushinagar |
| 8 | Ballia | 31 | Lakhimpur Khiri |
| 9 | Balrampur | 32 | Lucknow |
| 10 | Banda | 33 | Maharj Ganj |
| 11 | Barabanki | 34 | Mahoba |
| 12 | Basti | 35 | Mainpuri |
| 13 | Bulandshahar | 36 | Mathura |
| 14 | Chitrakoot | 37 | Mau |
| 15 | Etah | 38 | MujaffarNagar |
| 16 | Parrukhabad | 39 | Rampur |
| 17 | Fatehpur | 40 | Sant Kabir Nagar |
| 18 | Firoabad | 41 | Sharavasti |
| 19 | GautamBudh nagar | 42 | Siddhartha Nagar |
| 20 | Ghaziabad | 43 | SitaPur |
| 21 | Gonda | 44 | Sonbhadra |
| 22 | Gorakhpur | 45 | Sultanpur |
| 23 | Hapur | | |

Annexure-II

List of Crematoria Constructed under Namami Gange Programme

| Sr. No | State | Sanctioned Crematoria | Complete Crematoria | Remarks |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1 | UttaraKhand | 28 | 26 | 26 nos. of crematoriums are completed and handed over to ULB/State and which are operational |
| 2 | Uttar Pradesh | 15 | 14 | 14 nos. of crematoriums are completed and handed over to ULB/State and which are operational |
| 3 | Bihar | 10 | 4 | 04 nos. of crematoriums are completed and handed over to ULB/State and which are operational |
| 4 | Jharkhand | 3 | 3 | 03 nos. of crematoriums are completed and handed over to ULB/State and which are operational |
| 5 | West Bengal | 6 | 3 | 03 nos. of crematoriums are completed and handed over to ULB/State and which are operational |
| 6 | Madhya Pradesh | 1 | 0 | Ongoing |
| Total | | 63 | 50 | |

Crematoria in Uttarakhand:**(A) Completed Projects:**

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria |
|-------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Pauri Garhwal | Phool Chatti |
| 2 | Pauri Garhwal | Sangam Ghat - Alaknanda |
| 3 | Pauri Garhwal | Kirtinagar - Ufanda Village |
| 4 | Pauri Garhwal | Srinagar ITI |
| 5 | Pauri Garhwal | Srinagar Nathani |
| 6 | Tehri Garhwal | Sangam Ghat |
| 7 | Tehri Garhwal | Koteshwar |
| 8 | Chamoli | Gaucher |
| 9 | Chamoli | Karnprayag |
| 10 | Chamoli | Umarkot |
| 11 | Chamoli | Nandprayag |
| 12 | Chamoli | Chamoli |
| 13 | Haridwar | Shampur |
| 14 | Haridwar | Bhogpur |
| 15 | Haridwar | Balawali |
| 16 | Haridwar | Chandi Ghat |
| 17 | Haridwar | Kankhal |
| 18 | Haridwar | Kharkhadi |
| 19 | Rudraprayag | Karnprayag |
| 20 | Rudraprayag | Mandakani River |
| 21 | Rudraprayag | Gholtir |
| 22 | Uttarkashi | Kedar |
| 23 | Uttarkashi | Heena |
| 24 | Uttarkashi | Dunda |
| 25 | Uttarkashi | Maneri Cremation Ghat |
| 26 | Uttarkashi | Gangotri Cremation Ghat |

(B) Ongoing Projects:

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria | Progress |
|-------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Haridwar | Mata Bal Kumari Cremation Ghat | 52% |
| 2 | Pauri Garhwal | Yamkeshwar Creamtion Ghat | Under Tendering |

Crematoria in Uttar Pradesh:**(A) Completed Projects:**

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Bulandshahar | Rajghat |
| 2 | Kanpur | Bandi mata |
| 3 | Kannauj | Mehandi |
| 4 | Kanpur | Bhairav Crematorium |
| 5 | Kanpur | Bhagwatdas Crematorium |
| 6 | Bithoor | Balu Crematorium |
| 7 | Kanpur | Dhonri Crematorium |
| 8 | Fatehpur | Mainpuri Ghat |
| 9 | Pratapgarh | Manikpur Ghat |
| 10 | Prayagraj | Rasulabad |
| 11 | Prayagraj | Kanhaiyapur |
| 12 | Mirzapur | Chaubha Crematorium |
| 13 | Mirzapur | Ram Gaya Crematorium |
| 14 | Badaun | Kachla Crematorium at Badaun |

(B) Ongoing Projects:

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria | Progress |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Mirzapur | Bhagaon Crematoria | 99.22% |

Crematoria in Bihar:**(A) Completed Projects:**

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Sultanganj | Balu Ghat- 2 |
| 2 | Vaishali | Konhara Crematorium |
| 3 | Danapur | Ramjichak Crematorium |
| 4 | Patna | Part of RFD Patna electric |

(B) Ongoing Projects:

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria | Progress |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Danapur | Bind Toli Crematoria | 50% |
| 2 | Begusarai | Simariya Crematoria Ghat | 37% |
| 3 | Vaishali | Chechar Crematoria | 91% |
| 4 | Gopalganj | Gopalganj Crematoria (02 Nos.) | Under Tendering |
| 5 | Katihar | Manihari Crematoria | Under Tendering |

Crematoria in Jharkhand:**(A) Completed Projects:**

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Sahibganj | Maskalaiya |
| 2 | Sahibganj | Munilal Ghat |
| 3 | Rajmahal | Madhusudan Colony Ghat |

Crematoria in West Bengal:**(A) Completed Projects:**

| S. No | District | Name of Ghat & Crematoria |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Bardhaman | Burning ghat katwa |
| 2 | Bardhaman | Narkeshwar & Military ghat Kalna |
| 3 | Bardhaman | Ferry ghat Dainhat |

(B) Ongoing Projects:

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria | Progress |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Nadiya | Kalyani Electric Crematoria | 21% |
| 2 | Mursidabad | Kaliganj Electric Crematoria | 04% |
| 3 | Barrackpore | Barrackpore Electric Crematoria | Under tendering |

Crematoria in Madhya Pradesh:**(A) Ongoing Projects:**

| S. No | District | Name of Crematoria | Progress |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Mandsaur | Mandsaur Crematoria | 10% |