

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Govt. of India

And

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India

Regarding

Interventions in Agricultural Sector along River Ganga for Ganga Rejuvenation



This Memorandum of Understanding is executed at New Delhi on 16.09.2016

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Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI

1. Foreword:

Cleaning of river Ganga is a multi-sector and multi-disciplinary programme which has evolved from individual project specific approach to a holistic approach with rejuvenation of the river as an ultimate objective. Namami Gange programme, a flagship scheme with 100% central support has been launched, the main thrust areas of the programme is detailed in **Annexure-I**.

Being a multi-disciplinary programme, the success of the programme largely depends upon the participation of other ministries, state governments and local communities.

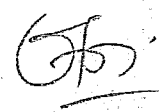
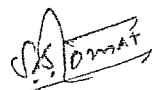
As a **first step**, a MoU has been signed between Ministry of Railways (MoR) and Ministry of Water Resource, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR) in which both parties agrees to supply and use treated waste water from the STPs/ETPs of MoWR, RD&GR located in Ganga and Yamuna river zone for the non-potable purpose of railways.

Further on **30th January**, MoU signed between MoWR, RD&GR with 7 participating ministries namely Ministry of Shipping (MoS), Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MoHRD), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Ministry of Tourism (MoT), Ministry of Ayush (MoAyush), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYA&S) and Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDW&S).

Likewise, we need support from other ministries as well so that various facets of Namami Gange programme can be efficiently implemented.

And WHEREAS

- I. The River Ganga is of unique importance ascribed to reasons that are geographical, historical, social, cultural and economic, giving it the status of a National river.
- II. Government of India, in exercise of powers conferred by clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution, has amended Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules 1961 vide SO no: 1986(E) dated 31st July 2014 to allocate



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- Ganga Rejuvenation, Conservation, development, management and abatement of pollution in river Ganga and its Tributaries to Ministry of Water Resources, river Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR).
- III. Government of India has launched "Namami Gange"- Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission (here in after "Namami Gange") , as an umbrella program at an indicative cost of Rs 12,728 Crores for new components and converging ongoing programs amounting to Rs. 7272 Crores with an aim to integrate previous and latest efforts by enhancing efficiency , extracting synergy and better coordination with all the Stakeholders including the line Ministries of Government of India.
- IV. Cabinet of Ministers have accorded approval for the Namami Gange program on 5th may 2015 as per reference no : T-04/2014-15/858/NMCG/Cabinet.
- V. Major infrastructure investment and interventions planned as part of Namami Gange program originally fall under the mandate of other Ministries and achieved through their own budgets and programs.
- VI. MoWR, RD & GR has been mandated to implement the Namami Gange program by undertaking critical investments necessary for effective pollution abatement in river Ganga & its Tributaries and to work in close coordination with other Ministries to ensure synergy and avoid overlapping of projects between different schemes.
- VII. All participating Ministries are desirous of entering in to a formal agreement for achieving coordination, prioritization and synergy among all the schemes/projects/programs to ensure alignment between the programs & avoid over lapping, leading to successful, effective and efficient implementation of such development programs of Government of India along with Namami Gange.

2. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

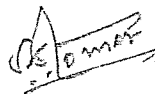
This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) executed on 16th September, 2016

BETWEEN

Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (here in after MoWR, RD & GR) having office at Shram Shakti Bhavan, New Delhi acting through Shri Hari Har Mishra Additional Mission Director, National Mission for Clean Ganga

AND

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (here in after MoA & FW) having office at Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad road, New Delhi - 110001 acting through Dr. S S Tomar, Additional Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare.


S. S. TOMAR



This Memorandum of Understanding witnesses as follows:

3. Role and Responsibilities of participating Ministries:

3.1 Ministry of Water Resource, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation. (MoWR, RD & GR)

- To take initiative through a coordinated approach along with other participating ministries in implementing "Namami Gange programme" for rejuvenation of the river Ganga and its tributaries.
- Shall develop the market for reuse/recycle of treated wastewater to be released from STP/ETPs for various non-potable purposes.
- Shall act as a nodal agency for funding the implementation of various projects/activities planned under Namami Ganga Programme through participating Ministries.
- Shall ensure necessary coordination, and support from the state governments and state level implementing agencies for various activities to be undertaken by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare as part of Namami Gange programme;

3.2 Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)

- Development of organic farming in the villages along Ganga with each Gram Panchayat representing a single cluster
- Promote organic farming through awareness programmes, self help groups, mobile apps launched etc.
- Create awareness about balanced use of chemicals fertilizers & pesticides.
- Promote micro irrigation for water conservation in Ganga Basin

4. Modality

The project activities for the achievement of the roles of MoA&FW shall be detailed out in mutually agreed terms and conditions from time to time.

5. Appointment of Nodal Officers.

Both the ministries shall designate a senior officer to act as Nodal Officer to represent the Ministry and steer the fulfillment of the objectives.

6. Costs.

Individual activities planned as part of, the programs, under each Ministry shall be funded by the individual Ministry itself, except for the activities funded from the budget of MoWR, RD & GR. All project proposals funded by MoWR, RD & GR shall be in accordance with the NGRBA framework already in place for the implementation of projects under Namami Gange program. All such projects shall be taken on a case-to-case basis and a separate project specific agreement shall be entered as and when required.





7. **Project steering and monitoring:**
The achievement /progress of the implementation of this MOU shall be monitored by a steering committee consisting of the nodal officers from each Ministry. The committee meet on periodic basis, once in three months or whenever necessary to review the performance of this MOU and the agreed list of activities.

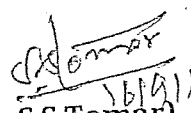
8. **Dispute resolution:**
The issues arising during the implementation of this MOU between the Ministries shall be settled during the steering committee meeting or by individual mutual consultations. Any/All un resolved issue(s) shall be referred to the High Level Task Force (HLTF) chaired by the Cabinet Secretary created as part of Namami Gange program vide order no: 771/4/2/2014 - Cab. III dated 06/02/2015 for program monitoring, ensuring synergy and avoid duplication of efforts or any other official/agency identified by the HLTF for that matter.

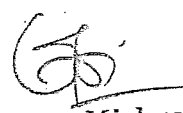
9. **Compliance to CVC Guidelines**
The actions to be taken by al the participating ministries will be in compliance to provisions of Guidelines issued by CVC from time to time.

10. **Tenure of MoU**
The MoU shall come into effect on the day of its signing and remain in effect for a period of 3 (three) years; thereafter it can be extended as mutually agreed between the parties.

11. **Modification/Amendment to the agreement.**
Amendments/ additions /modifications to this MOU shall be in writing and with the consent of all Ministries party to this agreement. All amendments/ modifications/additions agreed upon by the Ministries shall become part of this MOU from the date of signing by all the parties signatory to this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the participating ministries have executed this MEMORANDUM of AGREEMENT at the date, month and year first above written.


(Dr. S S Tomar)
Additional Commissioner
On Behalf of MoA&FW


(Hari Har Mishra)
Additional Mission Director
On Behalf of MoWR,RD&GR