

4th Meeting of the Reconstituted National Ganga River Basin Authority held on 27th Oct 2014



The 4th Meeting of the reconstituted National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) was held on 27th Oct 2014. The meeting was chaired by Sushri Uma Bharti, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, who is also the Vice Chairperson of the newly reconstituted NGRBA. The meeting was also attended by Union Environment Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar, Union Surface Transport Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Power Minister Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Harish Rawat and Water Resources Ministers of UP, Bihar and West Bengal besides other senior officials and experts.

Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Sushri Uma Bharti has said that no decision about Ganga Rejuvenation will be taken by the Centre without taking into confidence the concerned States. She also said a committee comprising additional secretaries of ministry of Environment and Water Resources has been formed to study and give its suggestions on the recommendations of Chopra committee, Chaturvedi committee and IIT consortium. This committee will recommend e-flow of rivers from the existing dams and those dams to be constructed in future. Henceforth meetings of the authority will be held at least once in three months. States to hold meeting of State Programme Management Groups (SPMG) on regular basis. States were also asked to fillup the vacant post in SPMGs on priority. Authority also said a national volunteer force called "Ganga Vahini" will be set up on the pattern of Red Cross. This force will comprise youth, students, ex-servicemen and others and will spread the message of Ganga rejuvenation all over the country.
