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Ganga should be declared and conserved as a 'National River' on the pattern of our National emblem, National flag, Animal and Bird etc. States should also declare and conserve one of their important river as a 'State River.' Central and State Governments should respectively declare National and State River Policies according these mandate -

- 1 Change in ownership and land use of Ganga river plains should not be allowed at any cost.
- 2 The river specific ecological standards for Ganga river should be decided and a system should made to maintain the same at any cost
- 3 To control pollution in Ganga river, government should constitute river local monitoring committees with the representation of local community, Panchayat, Muncipal Committee and welfare organizations and give constitutional right for action.
- 4 The responsibility of pollution control in Ganga river should be clearly defined. In case of illness and death occurring because of the polluted water there should be a provision to file criminal case, not only against the polluter but also against authorities responsible for pollution control. The existing penalties provision do not serve the purpose.
- 5 Releasing sewage in river Ganga is a crime against nature, therefore, village panchayats, municipal corporations and councils must not put their sewage into rivers. There cannot be a common water treatment system throughout the country. Hence, priority should be given to local techniques, solution and resources as per local conditions.
- 6 Ganga river conservation principal at least hundred meter wide area, both side of a river stream, far from the peak flood point of every river, should be conserved and maintained as a dense green belt, by aforestation respecting local bio-diversity.
- 7 The government should determine the Ganga river boundary, kind of inhabitants, industries and agriculture in the upper, middle and lower river banks subject to nature and availability of water in a river after taking public consensus.

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