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Title: Regarding need to clean Musi River and establishing Sewerage Treatment Plants in Hyderabad.

SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY (BHONGIR): Respected Speaker, Sir, I heartily convey my sincere thanks for giving me this opportunity. Though I am a first-time Member of this august House, I have served as MLA and Minister in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States for 20 years. Let me appreciate this Government for taking up a noble cause of cleaning the Ganga River and able to succeed in its endeavour.

Sir, Musi River is also one of the important rivers of Hyderabad in Deccan Plateau. It is a tributary of River Krishna. It flows from Telangana State and merges with Krishna River. The total course of this river is 240 kms. It flows through almost 70 per cent of my Parliamentary constituency. It is the lifeline of Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Nalgonda districts. Once upon a time, this river had provided all the needs of the villagers. More than 1.5 lakh acres of crop and several lakhs of people are dependent on this water.

Of late, the river got polluted and one can see bubbling and spewing froth even as a pungent smell hangs in the air. If a study were to be conducted, it is feared that the high concentration of heavy metals like Iron, Chromium, Manganese, Lead, Copper, Cadmium, Nickle and Zinc may be found in the Musi river bed.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board recently ascertained that Hyderabad generates 1,482 MLD of domestic

sewage per day. It also estimated that another 500 MLD of sewage was generated from other sources. Assuming that the 20 sewage treatment plants, maintained by the Board with a total capacity of treating 750 MLD, are operating at full capacity, this means that 1,233 MLD of untreated domestic sewage water still remains....(*Interruptions*)

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श्री कोमती रेड्डी वेंकेट रेड्डी : सर, यह इम्पोर्टेंट है, बहुत सीरियस मैटर है । हैदराबाद और मेरी कंस्टीट्यूएन्सी के लाखों पब्लिक के हैल्थ से जुड़ा है । Our Nalgonda is famous for the highest fluoride content in the groundwater itself. दुनिया में कहीं भी उतना फ्लोराइड नहीं है, मेरी कंस्टीट्यूएन्सी की बीस लाख पब्लिक इससे प्रभावित हो रही है । हैदराबाद का ड्रैनेज वॉटर मेरी कंस्टीट्यूएन्सी में बह रहा है ।

Lastly, the Musi River is Telangana's own river. I would like to request the Government, through you, to take immediate steps to clean the river by establishing Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) to clean 3000 MLD. Thank you once again.