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Title: Regarding cleaning of Godavari River

SHRI MARGANI BHARAT (RAJAHMUNDRY): Hon. Speaker, Sir, this is the maiden speech of mine. I thank you for permitting me to speak in this august House. I would like to draw your attention to an issue relating to the river Godavari.

Sir, as you know, the river Godavari is getting polluted. This river flows adjacent to my constituency of Rajmahendravaram. Actually, Rajmahendravaram has wide stretch of the river Godavari. A lot of industries are there adjacent to the river Godavari. With the result, all the human waste and drainage straightaway go into the river Godavari. The hon. President also mentioned in his Address about cleaning all the national rivers. He mentioned river Godavari also.

I would request the hon. Minister to think about cleaning the river Godavari so that there are no drainage outlets going into the river. In fact, you can build underground drainage system. Sir Arthur Cotton had made a dam also for the preservation of water for East and West Godavari. More than one crore population is located in the Godavari district. Hence I would request the National River Conservation Directorate to allot some money so that the bacteria which is there can be removed. If the E.coli bacteria is more than 500 units, it is dangerous for people. So, I would request the hon. Minister to take action in this regard.

