

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3182
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CLEANING OF GODAVARI RIVER
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal for cleaning of river Godavari and construction of its Ghats forwarded by the State Government of Maharashtra is pending with the Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the status thereof along with the funds to be allocated for this purpose so far;
- (c) whether many MPs from Maharashtra have also made a written request with regard thereto; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): No proposal relating to cleaning of River Godavari and construction of its Ghats is pending in Planning Commission.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Union Minister of Agriculture addressed a letter to Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission in January, 2006 requesting for inclusion of Pollution Abatement Works on River Godavari at Paithan Town in Aurangabad District of Maharashtra. This letter was processed in Planning Commission in consultation with Ministry of Environment & Forest (MOEF). The MOEF indicated that the State Government had forwarded a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to that Ministry on the said proposal in September, 2005. On scrutiny, the MOEF noticed that the DPR was lacking in some details and the State Government was requested in January, 2006 and again in July, 2006 to revise the DPR. However, the State Government's response is reported to be still awaited by the MOEF.