

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MITHI RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal for the Mithi River Development Project under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon alongwith the allocation/release of funds thereunder;and
- (d) the manner in which it will be helpful in improving the storm water drainage system of Mumbai city?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Government of Maharashtra submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for development of Mithi River under JNNURM in March, 2006, which could not be approved within the JNNURM guidelines. A proposal for consideration of the project outside JNNURM was submitted by Government of Maharashtra in December 2009 which was sent to Ministry of Water Resources for appraisal. Observations of the Ministry of Water Resources were conveyed to Government of Maharashtra which submitted a revised DPR in September, 2010. Technical appraisal of the project has not been completed due to lack of relevant hydrological data. No funds have been released for the project so far.

(d):The project is expected to mitigate the problem of water logging in Mumbai City by increasing the carrying capacity of the river.