

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3439
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CLEANING OF MULA MUTHA RIVERS
Kalmadi Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to clean Mula-Mutha Rivers in Maharashtra, on the lines of Ganga Project;
- (b) if so, whether the Government will conduct the survey and make an assessment of the expenditure involved;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the time taken for completing the project;
- (d) whether any outside agency has offered financial and technical assistance to carry out the cleaning of the rivers; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government and its plans for the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) to (c) Mula-Mutha Rivers in Maharashtra are not covered under the National River Conservation Plan. However, a project of environmental restoration/preservation of Mula-Mutha Rivers in Pune has been approved by the Ministry of Urban Development under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission at a cost of Rs. 99.96 crore in September 2006. So far, an expenditure of Rs. 23.09 crore has been incurred and the project is likely to be completed by June 2011.
- (d) This Ministry has not received any proposal from any outside agency for financial and technical assistance for cleaning of these rivers.
- (e) The Question does not arise.