

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2393
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PROTECTION OF GHAT
Sahu Shri Chandulal Chandu Bhaiya

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that Balaji Ghat at Varanasi is on the verge of extinction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any scheme for its protection and beautification;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) & (b) The Ministry has not received any project proposal from the State Government for protection and beautification of Balaji Ghat in Varanasi under the National River Conservation Plan and National Ganga River Basin Authority programme.
- (c) to (e) Does not arise in view of facts in reply to parts (a) and (b) above.