

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1060

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CONSERVATION OF BHAGMATI RIVER

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nepalese Government has sought assistance from India for conservation of Bhagmati river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any discussions were held between both the Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (c) Yes. At a meeting with our Prime Minister at Sharm-el-Sheikh on the sidelines of the NAM Summit, the Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Madhav K Nepal requested for assistance to clean and revive the Bagmati river. The matter was again raised during the visit of PM Madhav K Nepal to India in August 2009.

(d) India agreed to send a technical team to Nepal to study the Bagmati Civilisation Project. The technical team has been constituted and the convenience of the Nepalese side for its visit is awaited.