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Title: Regarding drying up of Indian rivers like Bhagirathi as reported in the website 'Google Earth'.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : We had earlier a very good debate on the climate change and you also had made your appreciation public on the debate. Now, I want to draw your attention to a piece of information available from the image of Google Earth, which can be seen through satellite, that eight kms. of Bhagirathi river has already dried up. In 2004, it was only one km., but within four years, seven kms. of Bhagirathi river had already dried up. Apart from that, four or five other rivers that emanate from Gangotri glacier are also fast drying up.

This is because of the faulty construction of dams, bad designs, and bad planning. This is such a serious issue.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to immediately constitute an Expert Committee to go into the whole gamut of the issues involved in order to make appropriate recommendations regarding that.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sure this serious matter will be looked into at the appropriate level.[\[R3\]](#)