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Title: Need to initiate stringent laws to stop pollution of rivers particularly Ganga and Yamuna in the country.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Conditions of rivers in general, are in very bad shape. On the one hand Central Government is spending crores of rupees on cleaning rivers particularly Yamuna and Ganga and on the other hand human waste and toxics are thrown into the rivers. This is going on unabated.

It is learnt that Rs. 1,062 crore has been spent on cleaning Yamuna itself. What is the outcome? Industries are throwing industrial waste without any responsibility and Government civic authorities are turning blind eye. This should be stopped forthwith otherwise, we and our future generation would live in an environment where even inhaling air would become difficult.

Hence, I would strongly urge the Ministry of Environment and Forests to initiate stringent laws with punitive action to stop river pollution and throwing of human and industrial waste in our rivers particularly Yamuna and Ganga across the country.