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Title: Need to take suitable steps to rejuvenate Mithi River in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN (NORTH CENTRAL MUMBAI): The Mithi River is an essential part of Mumbai as it covers over 16% of the city's area. Once a vibrant reminder of Mumbai's natural beauty, this river has been reduced to a sewer. Pollutants, encroachments of riverbank, dumping of harmful chemicals and construction debris led to the river's flooding in July, 2005 and it caused havoc in the city. The degradation of the Mithi river is also affecting the mangrove forests of Mumbai. While both the local and State Government authorities have taken up works to rejuvenate Mithi, the same has been painfully delayed and there is a lack of coordination among all the concerned authorities. I, therefore, request the Government to take immediate cognizance of this issue and ensure that corrective steps are taken to arrest pollution of Mithi river.