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Title: Need to extend the National Mission for clean Ganga to clean by perennial rivers like Krishna and Godavari.

SHRI THOTA NARASIMHAM (KAKINADA): Thank you, Madam Speaker. ...(*Interruptions*) I appreciate the decision taken by the Union Government to establish the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) and a time-bound programme is fixed to clean our Ganga. ...(*Interruptions*) This good initiative should be extended to other perennial rivers like Godavari and Krishna also. ...(*Interruptions*)

The Godavari River is the second longest river in India after Ganga. ...(*Interruptions*) It is also known as *Dakshina* Ganga. ...(*Interruptions*) It flows for 1,465 kms. through Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States. Due to urbanization, Godavari is getting polluted heavily. ...(*Interruptions*) So, the time has come to clean our Godavari. ...(*Interruptions*) Releasing of funds at the time of *Pushkarams* or *Kumbh Melas* cannot serve the purpose. ...(*Interruptions*) A holistic approach, adopted in Ganga cleaning, is needed for this too. ...(*Interruptions*) Interception and diversion of drains; creation of sewage treatment plants; improved wood crematoria; riverfront development; afforestation etc. are needed to keep the river clean. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Now, please conclude.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI THOTA NARASIMHAM : Madam, please give me one minute to conclude. ...(*Interruptions*) I would request the Union Government to bring out a rational policy to clean the perennial rivers like Godavari and Krishna; involve the respective State Governments; demarcate the State and Central role; prepare an action plan; and fix up the responsibility and time limit for it. ...(*Interruptions*)

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :** कुंवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चंदेता को श्री थोटा नरसिम्हन द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Next is Shri Ganesh Singh. I am allowing you only for one minute.