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Title:Need to provide financial help for proper maintenance of Canals/nullahs in Calcutta.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE (JADAVPUR): Sir, there are a number of narrow canals or nullahs, as these are known in and around Calcutta. These canals originate from the river Ganga. These canals, if made operational, can serve even as water ways and can carry passengers and cargo. This would help in relieving the traffic congestions within the metropolitan city. The canal known as Tolly Nullah goes from Hastings to Garia and can be converted into a useful waterway. But before that, the water has to be treated and cleansed. As such, it poses a health hazard to people living on both banks of the canal.

It is, therefore, requested that the Central Government may direct the Environment Ministry and the Urban Development Ministry to examine the matter and allocate financial help for the upliftment of the canals. This will give relief to hundreds of commuters in and around the city of Calcutta.

Thank you.