

to another and holding public meetings. But if there is any evidence to show that anti-smuggling activities are indulged in, definitely action will be taken. Nobody will be spared. But unless we have evidence, we cannot take any action against them.

**SHRI HAROQBHAI MEHTA :** Under the Gold Control legislation, the accused are often bailed out by court orders and even in COFEPOSA, a number of detenues are released by court orders. Keeping this in view, and giving serious thought to the question, may I know whether the Government will consider it necessary to plug the loopholes in the relevant criminal law as well as detention law ?

**SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY :** We have plugged the loopholes in the Act. Not only that. We are looking into all the aspects and we are monitoring it very effectively. So far as loopholes are concerned, if at all there is any need for plugging them—since you have brought it to our notice—definitely we will examine it.

**Cleaning Yamuna river**

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\*290. **SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :**  
**SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :**

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to clean Yamuna river on the lines of Ganga cleaning project;

(b) the details of the scheme;

(c) the time by which the cleaning up operations of Yamuna will start; and

(d) the places identified so far ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :** (a) Proposals for cleaning of the Yamuna are being considered.

(b) to (d). Details are being worked out.

**SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Sir, if you see the answer for part (a) to part (d) of my question, somehow or other I find that the Hon. Minister does not want to give the picture of the schemes. But earlier he has already said about the schemes. It has appeared in the Times of India dated 14th that the Minister has said in Parliamentary Consultative Committee that action on cleaning up the Yamuna has already been started at Triveni and Allahabad. He has already stated that the operation to clean up Yamuna will begin soon at Faridabad, Delhi, Mathura, Brindavan and Agra Sir, what I wanted to know is whether a scheme will be formulated on the line of Ganga which has not been included in the plan at present and the reply to parts (b) to (d) is that details are being worked out. I would like the Government to enlighten us by giving details along with the total cost of the project, the date regarding the starting of the project and completion of the project, etc.

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** We are very much concerned about the cleaning up of Yamuna River and other Rivers also. The position is like this that as far as a project on the lines of Ganga is concerned, I may point out that the Ganga is a special project and a special authority has been established for cleaning the Ganga. But for the Yamuna, no such authority has been established. As far as procedure adopted to clean the Ganga is concerned, we are taking steps. We have consulted the State Governments. And we have directed the State Governments and the Union Territory of Delhi to formulate certain schemes for cleaning Yamuna river and making Yamuna free of pollution.

**SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** What about the cost of the project ?

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** There is no project as such. We have asked them to formulate certain schemes and some of the State Governments have indicated them. Recently a meeting was taken by the Minister for Environment and Forests where the Minister from U.P., the Minister from Haryana and the Executive Councillor of Delhi were present and they had indicated rough estimates for cleaning Yamuna and

If the Hon. Member is interested, I will just give the rough estimates which they had given, but no detailed report has been prepared, no detailed project has been given. The Union Territory of Delhi based on the comprehensive schemes for 10 years' perspective planning including Rs. 200 lakhs for sewerage and Rs. 40 lakhs for environment and improvement, had indicated Rs. 240 lakhs. Uttar Pradesh had indicated Rs. 122 lakhs for their different schemes roughly, and Haryana had indicated schemes of Rs. 50 lakhs which will be required for both the schemes.

**SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Do the project visualise the increase in pollution load in the foreseeable future as a result of increasing industrialisation and whether the Government policy envisages involvement of major industries responsible for polluting the river to participate financially in the implementation of the project ?

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** Sir, we are taking steps against those industrial units which are polluting the river water and wherever possible the studies have been made and wherever possible suitable actions are being taken. But there is no such scheme where we may just envisage some participation of the industrial units in any project for cleaning the river.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, my question was clear—whether the Government on the lines of Ganga cleaning Project...

**MR. SPEAKER :** Has the question too been polluted ?

**SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** It has been polluted, so I would submit that you should kindly look into it. The question was whether Government have formulated any scheme to clean for Yamuna River on the lines of the Ganga cleaning project ? The Hon. Minister has replied that proposals for cleaning of the Yamuna are being considered. Mr. Speaker, Sir, firstly, the questions come under the starred list with difficulty. Then when such an opportunity comes the Government gives an evasive

reply. This is wrong. When proposals are under consideration, then what is the difficulty in mentioning them ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** The proposals have been mentioned.

**SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** We could have added one or two points to them. For example, the largest river falling into the river Yamuna is...

**SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :** Chambal... (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** Yes it is the Chambal. 70 to 80 per cent of its water flows into the River Yamuna... (*Interruptions*). If you clean Yamuna and not Chambal, then Yamuna would not really be free of pollution.

**MR. SPEAKER :** First let us clean the Chambal valley . (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** The valley has been cleaned, Sir. The dacoits are no longer there but I want to ask whether the Government is considering any proposal to make the river Chambal free of pollution ?

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I had submitted that we are much concerned about cleaning all the rivers of this country... (*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER :** I agree with you and you are well-meaning but do implement it.

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** I am only stating the intention of the Government. The intention of the Government is that there should be no river in this country the water of which is not clean and not fit to be utilised.

**SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA :** The intentions are good but the rivers are not clean.

[*English*]

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** I am inclined to agree with him.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was submitting that a specific project had been taken up for cleaning the Ganga. I have stated very often that the cleaning of Ganga is only a beginning and not the end. As our resources increase, we would take further steps accordingly.

**SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV :** I appreciate the feelings expressed by the Hon. Minister and I believe that appropriate action will be taken in that regard. Those who are preparing the Ganga Action Plan may be knowing that in Allahabad, the River Ganga dries up completely and the water of the Yamuna flows into it and it is the water of River Yamuna which remains here primarily. Very little water is allowed to flow into the River Ganga due to which there are difficulties in cleaning it. In order to make the Ganga plan completely successful, is it not necessary that the cleaning of River Yamuna should be undertaken with equal speed and a project should be prepared for this purpose at the earliest? I want to ask as to how much time would be required to prepare such a project and how much amount would be allocated for it?

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I have said earlier, no decision has been taken in regard to its financial aspects. I have just mentioned that the attention of the State Government has been drawn to it. Schemes should be formulated for cleaning the River Yamuna. The State Government is paying attention to it, the Central Control and Prevention of Pollution Board is also paying attention to it and so far as the Union Territory is concerned, the Delhi Administration is also attending to this problem. When they formulate the schemes, the question will arise as to wherefrom the financial resources should be mobilised and to what extent can the Centre contribute to it and to what extent the States can contribute? These questions will come up later. First, let the schemes come to us.

**SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN :** Sir, many of the rivers have dried up.

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** I do not know whether his rivers are flowing or not but other rivers are flowing normally.

**SHRI UMAKANT MISHRA :** I have a small question to ask regarding cleaning of the Ganga. The work of cleaning the Ganga has begun in Allahabad and Varanasi but Mirzapur is situated in between which has been left untouched. The top and the bottom has been cleaned but there is filth in between. I want to know from the Hon. Minister as to when would the work begin at Mirzapur?

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** The Yamuna does not pass *via* Mirzapur; the Ganga flows there. The question is concerning the River Yamuna.

**SHRI BHARAT SINGH :** I want to tell the Hon. Minister that the water of the Najafgarh drain pollutes the water of the Yamuna. Is there any scheme to take that water into the fields so that the fields are irrigated and the dirty water does not flow into the River Yamuna? I want to know as to by when will it be done?

**SHRI Z. R. ANSARI :** Sir, there are several drains in Delhi which pollute the water of the River Yamuna. The administration has made arrangements to rectify the situation to a great extent. But it is true that the arrangements are not as adequate as he wants. The Delhi Administration is paying attention to it and the Board is also attentive to it. We hope that this work would be done speedily.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a question has been asked in regard to Mirzapur just now. Although my question is not connected with it, I want to submit with your permission that a scheme is being prepared in regard to Mirzapur and as soon as the State Government prepares the schemes, we would sanction it. We have not forgotten Mirzapur, it is in our mind.

**MR. SPEAKER :** You must be liking the carpets of Mirzapur.

#### Operation of Multinational Companies

\*291. **SHRI DILFEP SINGH BHURIA :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :