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Title: Need to up-grade sewage system and waste water management in Nagpur city, Maharashtra.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): With the growth of population, economic and social activities of Nagpur, the need for basic amenities too have increased tremendously, particularly the upgradation of sewage and sanitation facilities. The existing sewage and sanitation facilities have been unable to cope up with the expansion of Nagpur.

Urban water, sewage and drainage are the key urban infrastructure as most cities in India are severely stressed in terms of infrastructure and service availability. The Government launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in 2005 to focus on betterment of urban infrastructure. It played an important role as facilitator by providing funds to State Governments to improve the water supply and waste water management services in cities lacking such facilities.

Nagpur is severely stressed in terms of infrastructure and service availability. The Ministry of Urban Development had selected Nagpur for providing water, waste water services and maintenance of basic service. Unfortunately, no concrete and positive steps have been taken by the authorities concerned in this regard. Naag Nadi and Peeli Nadi which are passing through Nagpur have been posing a great threat to the health of the people of the city. Acute insanitary conditions have been created as a result of the industrial effluents and other waste which gets accumulated in these rivers and ultimately sewage into the Indira Sagar Dam which contaminates the entire water. Thousands of crores of rupees are being spent on the Indira Sagar Dam (Gosikhurd Project) to meet the clean drinking water requirements for people of Vidarbha. The very purpose to keep the rivers clean is badly defeated with the flow of sewage and other waste material. This need to be checked immediately even the Nagpur bench of Hon'ble High Court have emphasized the avoidance of flow of sewage etc into the rivers and for taking corrective measures. But no steps have been taken so far.

In view of the above, I would urge upon the Government to up-grade sewage system and waste water management in Nagpur and to take some practical measures by which the flow of polluted water like sewage and other filthy material does not flow in the Naag Nadi and Peeli Nadi and subsequently to Indira Sagar Dam.