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Title: Need to take necessary steps to make river Gomti in Uttar Pradesh pollution free.

SHRI DHANANJAY SINGH (JAUNPUR): The water quality in river Gomti has degraded rapidly in recent years with scores of dead fish being found floating near Kudiaghat in Lucknow.

The river is the main source of water supply to Jaunpur, Sultanpur and other settlements situated along its banks. In districts such as Jaunpur where three-fourths of the population is dependent on agriculture, the increasing pollution in the river is a major cause for concern. Despite efforts under Gomti Action Plan Phase I and II, discharge of industrial effluents from sugar mills and untreated sewage continue to degrade water quality at a number of stretches along the river. Several drains remain unconnected with the installed Sewage Treatment Plants.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Centre to take necessary and concerted steps and supplement the efforts of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh in addressing the problem of pollution of river Gomti.