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Title: Regarding cleaning of river Pamba in Kerala.

PROF. RICHARD HAY (NOMINATED) : Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, River Pamba in Kerala, is both ecologically and religiously significant river, as it is situated at the entrance of the nationally-important Sabarimala Temple - a holy place where the largest congregation of pilgrims of India converge. But such an important river is very much polluted and contaminated, and poses a health hazard to the thousands of pilgrims who visit the temple as well as the common man who lives on the banks of the river.

Therefore, there is an urgent need to take necessary steps to maintain the river clean as the pilgrimage season will start from mid-November. I appeal to this august House and the Government of India to address this issue.