

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SMART LABORATORY ON CLEAN RIVERS

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established a Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) on Varuna River in Varanasi under the Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark and if so, the details thereof indicating aims and objectives thereof;
- (b) the way in which it will help in improving river rejuvenation and management along with the sustainable approach adopted by SLCR to address the challenges faced by Varuna River;
- (c) the manner in which funding will be provided by the Government of India and Denmark on proportionate basis for the said project;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to include rivers from other parts of the country under the ambit of said project to rejuvenate them;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and also Kendujhar district in Odisha; and
- (f) whether the Government has a plan to establish such SLCR in other parts of the country including Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Smart Lab for Clean Rivers (SLCR) has been set up under the Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark to bring global solutions on current challenges in the field of clean river water, conduct collaborative research and development to fit in real environment through Living lab approach and creation of platform between Government authorities, academic institutions and technology providers for knowledge sharing and co-creation to achieve clean river water.

(c) Government of India has sanctioned the cost of operations of Secretariat of SLCR for ten years and has also sanctioned the cost of three projects. Denmark has allocated funds amounting to four million Danish Krone for this initiative.

(d) to (f) No Sir.
