

only after the finalization of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for “Jal Marg Vikas” project. However, the project would be implemented in a manner that the present aquatic life, bio-diversity, pisciculture etc. in the River Ganga is maintained.

Ganga rejuvenation in West Bengal

3301. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of plan proposed by Government for Ganga Rejuvenation in West Bengal;
- (b) whether any other rivers flowing through the State would also be added up in this plan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARATI): (a) to (c) The Union Government has set up “Namami Gange”, an Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission for Rejuvenation of Ganga and its tributaries flowing through the basin States including the State of West Bengal. Incorporating the existing projects under the NGRBA, the Ganga rejuvenation plan provides for ‘Short-term’ (3 years), ‘Medium-term’ (5 years) and ‘Long-term’ (10 years and more) action plan in collaboration with different Ministries and States.

The projects and activities under this plan include pollution abatement measures for different sources of pollution, river front development, afforestation and conservation of aquatic life, communication and public outreach, water quality monitoring etc. and enforcement of standards and other policy initiatives for ensuring Aviral and Nirmal Ganga.

Nepal river interlink with Yamuna

3302. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Nepal river would be interlinked with Yamuna; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANWAR LAL