

MPs to raise Ganga pollution issue in Parliament

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EXPRESSING concern over the pollution in River Ganga, a group of MPs on Sunday resolved to raise the issue in the Parliament and demand speedy implementation of various projects to clean the river.

Lamenting that "the water of the holy river was polluted, needing steps for cleanliness in deference to the sentiments of the people," the MPs — Mohan Singh, Balbir Punj, Chandan Mitra, Tariq Anwar and Thokochoh Meiya — told reporters here that all of



them would raise the issue in the Parlia-

ment and demand speedy implementation of various projects, there seemed to be

no improvement in the quality of the water of the river over the years.

Samajwadi Party MP Mohan Singh said he would urge the Uttar Pradesh government to take initiative for implementation of the cleanliness projects of the river in the state.

Eminent journalist and Rajya Sabha member Chandan Mitra stressed on pro-active role of the media in highlighting the "plight of the river" and said a concerted effort should be made towards launching a public awareness campaign on the issue. Punj, Anwar and Meiya also extended their support to the cause.

The MPs, who were here to participate in a seminar on the pollution of the River Ganga, regretted that in spite of the launch

of various projects, there seemed to be