(No. I A/8) Mr S. Dayal (Second Member for Quartier Militaire & Moka) asked the Minister of Environment & National Development Unit whether he will consider the advisability of cleaning and embellishing the river known as Bassin Loulou at St Julien d'Hotman and, if so, when and, if not, why not.

Reply: I have been informed by the Ministry of Local Government that the river banks at Bassin Loulou are regularly cleaned, especially on the occasion of Cavadee and Ganesh Chaturthi festivals.

As far as the embellishment works at Bassin Loulou are concerned the National Development Unit has implemented upgrading/infrastructural works to the tune of Rs1.9 m and comprising landscaping; paving blocks, handrailing, retaining wall as well as the construction of a road from the Kovil of Bassin Loulou to Marathi Temple. These embellishment works have been completed since end of March 2005.