

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding expansion of storage capacity of Damodar Valley Corporation dam to prevent annual flood in the adjoining region-laid.

**SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED (ULUBERIA):** I would like to draw the Government's attention to an important and critical issue concerning the Damodar Valley Corporation, that has been affecting my Parliamentary Constituency Uluberia in West Bengal since a decade.

Heavy release of water from the DVC Dam's led to floods in Bengal over decades. It has affected my Parliamentary Constituency the most, particularly the areas of Udaynaraynpur, Bagnan-I and Amta I&II blocks . This year as well, lakhs of people faced the same flood situation with loss of lives. There is an urgent need for renovation, upgradation and modernisation of DVC. There is need of essential dredging to prevent the recurrent wrath of floods and it is utmost important to increase the water holding capacity of the DVC. Government of West Bengal has been repeatedly raising the concerns with Union Government But these matters for years remained unaddressed.

I urge the Government to develop a holistic approach and there should be an aimed expansion of storage capacity of the DVC to ensure that my constituency and its neighbouring areas in West Bengal are spared of the regular devastation from man-made flooding caused by this recurring problem of DVC.