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Title: Regarding Dredging of river Hooghly, West Bengal-laid.

**SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE (HOWRAH):** I wish to draw the attention of the government towards the fact that my Constituency Howrah is situated on the West Bank of River Hooghly opposite Kolkata Dock.

Daily a number of big cargo ships along with medium and small cargo and passenger ships are plying on River Hooghly. Due to lack of Proper dredging, the navigability of the river has almost been lost completely. Now it has become a compulsion for all the ships to use the natural depth path of the river, which is situated on the West side near Howrah bank. As a result, the Ships are using Western side of the river causing huge waves towards the Howrah bank causing heavy erosion to the bank of river on Howrah side leading to damage of land and property.

Sir, I urge the Minister to please arrange for dredging of the river Hooghly properly at the earliest and protect the Howrah river bank.