

Title : Regarding development of river ghats on the bank of Ganga river-Laid.

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL (BARDHAMAN PURBA): I want to draw the kind attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti regarding 'Bathing Ghats' and Ferry Ghats on the Western Banks of River Bhagirathi. On the other bank of the river the district Nadia, the birth place of 'Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu' is situated. Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu grew up in the area, the places are popularly known as Nabadwip, Mayapur, Shantipur (places famous for Lord Krishna's Rasyatra) and spent his early days in these places. The holy river, Ganga is worshipped by Hindu Community at large and lakhs of devotees take their Holy-dip everyday in the river. During festivals, the number of pilgrims rises. The ghats where people used to take their bath are conventional rural ghats in nature and the devotees face many difficulties to go inside the water. The process is very risky and minor/major accidents used to occur throughout the year. If the bathing ghats are constructed and the ghats are properly illuminated, it will certainly come for good use for the devotees and it will also create beautification of the river bank. So, I request the Government to make necessary arrangements to take up the development of river bank. Some places where such ghats be constructed immediately are Katwa, Kalna, Agradwip and Dainhat.