

Need to complete the construction of check dam at Balurghat ? laid

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): The Atreyee river that finds mention even in the Mahabharata, flows from Bengal's Siliguri into Bangladesh before flowing back into South Dinajpur district. The Bangladesh Government has built one rubber dam 'Mohanpur Rubber Dam' some 18 kilometres away from Dinajpur city in Bangladesh to block and store the water from the flow of Atreyee river which has resulted acute shortage of water in the Atreyee River, which originally enters Kumarganj in South Dinajpur, India through Bangladesh. It was blocked by a rubber dam in Dinajpur in Bengal, so the water in the Atreyi River, known as the lifeline of the district for several years was almost non-existent during the dry season. As a result, farmers and fishermen have to face huge losses. Keeping that in mind, the irrigation department has started to build the check dam. So that the farming problems of farmers in a wide area including South Dinajpur are solved. The Irrigation Department has started construction of this check dam on Atreyee river in Shamshanghat area of Balurghat town. This half-built check dam has now become a bathing place for the residents of the city. It has also become a sightseeing spot. Therefore, I request the Government to complete the construction of check dam at Balurghat at the earliest.