

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5289  
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2001  
FARAKKA BARRAGE PROJECT  
ABUL HASNAT KHAN

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether navigation is being hampered due to heavy siltation in the lock channel approach of Farakka Barrage Project;
- (b) if so, whether dredging activities/measures have been taken to clear the channel in front of Farakka Barrage Project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) Sometimes during the lean months, the depth of water in the navigation channel of Farakka Barrage Project becomes less than 2m which is the minimum depth required for navigability.
- (b) & (c) Maintenance dredging has been carried out in the vicinity of the lock channel by the Inland Waterways Authority of India in 1999 to improve the water depth.