

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4852
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000
FARAKKA BARRAGE
ABUL HASNAT KHAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Farakka a sitting duct for terrorists` appearing in the `Statesmen` March 19, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto, and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Security of the Farakka Barrage Project has been entrusted to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) under the Ministry of Home Affairs. One Platoon headed by Commandant CISF has been deployed in the Project and they are taking all necessary steps to guard these vital structures against the activities of subversive elements. All necessary help such as provision of vehicles, communication equipments etc., have been extended to the CISF Unit stationed at Farakka. Security aspects of the Project are constantly monitored by the Project authority and CISF jointly so that shortcomings, if any, could be made good.