

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4238
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DURGAPUR BARRAGE
Haque Shri Sk. Saidul

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large portion of Durgapur Barrage has been silted with sand;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plan for dredging of Durgapur Barrage, Maithon and Panchayat Dams; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The Government of West Bengal is consulting IIT, Kharagpur and CWPRS for Model Study and Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for desiltation of Durgapur Barrage. So far, no dredging work in respect of Damodar Valley reservoirs of Damodar Valley Corporation has been undertaken because dredging of reservoirs is not considered techno-economically viable worldwide. However, Damodar Valley Corporation is exploring the possibility of dredging these reservoirs starting with Panchet.