

Title: Soil erosion by river Ganges in West Bengal.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, and specially the Minister for Water Resources.

The massive erosion of River Ganges is causing havoc to several districts of West Bengal especially Malda, Murshidabad and some parts of Howrah and Hoogly also. Villages after villages are being submerged under the river, thousands of people are becoming homeless and thousands of acres of land are going under the river water. It is a very serious problem. The Central Government is aware of the problem. We raised the problem several times and had discussed it with the Minister for Water Resources.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, the plan or the project that has been prepared by the Government of West Bengal, in consultation with the Central Government, needs a massive investment. The State Government cannot invest such a huge amount. So, I demand that the Central Government should take note of this and give adequate funds so that the erosion of Ganges can be checked and the massive destruction of the land of those districts of West Bengal can be prevented. Thank you.