

Title: Need to provide adequate funds to State Government of West Bengal to check erosion caused by the Ganges in the districts of Murshidabad and Malda, West Bengal.

SHRI ABDUL HASNAT KHAN (JANGIPUR): Sir, erosion in the river Ganga is going on unabated for the last few decades in the districts of Murshidabad and Malda. Thousands of dwelling houses in the towns and villages, public offices, educational institutions etc., have been submerged. Gravity of erosion has been increased after construction of the Farraka Barrage Project. Now, this project of great national importance is in threat of being non-functional. National/international border through the mid stream of Ganga is being shifted towards India causing loss of our land to Bangladesh. Considering all these factors, I fervently urge upon the Union Government to come forward with adequate funds to take anti-erosion measures in this international river otherwise unthinkable calamity is apprehended in this region.