

Title: Urgent need to protect the erosion of Ganges and its embankment in the States of West Bengal and Bihar.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Sir, the continuous and dangerous proportion of erosion of Ganges is creating great concern for the States of West Bengal and Bihar. During the UJ Government, an expert committee was formed and they recommended Rs.932 crore project for the protection of Ganges and its embankment. Ganga and Padma are international rivers and the Central Government should take the responsibility.

In West Bengal eight districts are in serious trouble. In my Constituency, it is also subsiding. On one side it is drying up and on the Bangladesh side, it is forming land. So, Central Government should take necessary action. Raising of embankment work is not taken up properly. It should be done regularly.

Finally, the Central Government and State Government should give funds at 75 and 25 proportionately respectively. Only then can the Government of India implement the Ganga Action Plan properly and Bengal and Bihar States can be saved.