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Title: Need to formulate an action plan for regular dredging of the silt and sand deposited in the catchment area of Damodar and feeder canals of Durgapur barrage.– Laid.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): In order to save thousand of acres of agricultural lands in the districts of Bankura and Burdwan on the bank of Damodar River in the year 1957, with an object to store water in the rainy season and to distribute water for irrigation in the dry season. But since its inception, no action, whatsoever, has been taken to drag the silt in the catchment area of Damodar river. As a result, the holding capacity has gone down to great extent. In the last week of September, 1995, villages namely Kuldiha, Pingrui, Madhapur, Napara, Metali under Maliara G.P., and again in the year 1999 September, we witnessed that right channel of Durgapur barrage which has a symphonic system to pass the water from Maliara G.P., the channel was completely washed out as a result land of Metali village was again submerged. So symphonic system should immediately expand for flow of water. The Government of West Bengal has come out with a limited resource. Some portion of land of Rangamati area where refugees have been rehabilitated, were submerged into the river.

I demand immediate action plan for regular dredging of silt and sand, deposited for years in the catchment area of Damodar and feeder canals of Durgapur barrage.