

Title : Regarding need to formulate a Master Plan to check recurring floods in Tamluk Parliamentary Constituency, West Bengal.

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SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH : Sir, Purba Medinipur Zila in my Tamluk parliamentary constituency in the State of West Bengal is surrounded by rivers such as Rupnarayan, Ganga (Hoogly River), Haldi, Keleghai, Kangsaboti, Kapaleswari and Chandia on sides and is heavily flood-prone area.

This year two times our vast area was flooded, first time due to overflow of river water and second time due to heavy rains. This catastrophe takes place every year due to the following reasons :

1. Closure of drainage system due to heavy siltation in almost all major canals.
2. Almost all sluices are obsolete. These are non-functional.
3. Heavy siltation in river bed of Ganga (Hoogly), Rupnarayan, Haldi, Keleghai, Chandia and Kapaleswari.

I would, therefore, request the hon. Minister of Water Resource to formulate a Master Plan for Tamluk and Haldia sub-divisions with following salient features.

1. Desiltation of the river Haldi.
2. Desiltation of the River Rupnarayan.
3. Desiltation of the river Ganga (lower portion Hoogly).
4. Desiltation of Keleghai, Chandia, Kapaleswari and Kangsaboti.
5. Protection of embankments of river Rupnarayan, Haldi, Keleghai, Baghai, Kapaleswari, Chandia and Kangsabati.
6. Reconstruction of all sluices on canals connecting these rivers to match depth of rivers and canals.
7. Re-excavation of Hijli Tidal Canal and Orissa Coast Canal in full.
8. Re-excavation of all connected canals with these rivers, and
9. Strengthening of Sea Dyke from Digha to Haldia.