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Title: Need to provide adequate potable water in western parts of murshidabad, West Bengal through pipelines drawing water from river Ganges.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BERHAMPORE) : I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards water scarcity in Murshidabad District, West Bengal. Water scarcity has remained a persistent problem in the Western parts of Murshidabad district. The worst affected blocks affected by the scarcity are namely Kondi, Khargnam, Bharatpur, Bawan and Beldonga. In the summer season large number of people suffer as aquifer level of these areas remains too depleted to extract water from underground water resources. Even the water bodies which throughout the year cater the need are dried up in the dry season. The situation further aggravates due to non-availability of drinking water much to the concern of the people. Water scarcity including drinking water has become a perennial problem for the people of these affected area. However the river Ganga with abundant water is passing through the district and is only 30 km away from the water scarcity prone area of the district. A long term solution to the critical drinking water problem could be reached by extending the piped water to these areas which can easily be sourced from the River Ganges that ultimately will help mitigating the drinking water problem.