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Title: Need to implement the Ghatal Mastern Plan for Drainage cum Flood control in East and West Midnapore in West Bengal.

SHRI SUVENDU ADHIKARI (TAMLUK): I would like to bring it to the kind attention of Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Panchayati Raj that a vast area of East and West Midnapore, West Bengal is badly affected almost every year by flood. The flood mainly affects the Silabati-Kangsabati-Dwarakeswar river basin. As a consequence, lakhs of people are rendered homeless every year and they are pushed into financial hardship.

In 2009 'Ghatal Master Plan' was gracefully announced with a noble object to restore the economic as well as commercial viability of this area. The plan includes different types of works like construction of embankments, resuscitation of several rivers, construction of new river sluice, improvement of drainage system etc.

It is a matter of serious concern that despite lapse of four years, there is no development worth the name in implementing the plan. This go-slow attitude towards its implementation is contributing to acute suffering of common people.

I would, therefore, like to request the Union Minister of Rural Development and Minister of Panchayati Raj to please consider the implementation of the plan as early as possible for the greater interest of common people.