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Title: Need to implement Kandi Master Plan in Murshidabad district of West Bengal to prevent the recurring annual floods in the region.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Kandi Sub-Division in the district of Murshidabad, West Bengal is recognized as one of the 'rice bowls' in the State where 80 per cent of the population rely upon agriculture for their livelihood. But the vast area of the region is flood prone. The water in the catchment areas of Rivers Mayurakshi and Ajay, which carry the rain water from Jharkhand, flood the region. As the water-bearing capacity of the rivers in this area has been diminishing over the year, huge inundation used to ravage standing crops, dwellings and animal population during flood. The floods in this area are persistent phenomena as till today no tangible step has been taken to contain the fury of the floods. In order to control the floods, some committees were set up, but the recommendations of these committees have not been implemented. Naturally, people are left at the mercy of God.

I would urge upon the Government that Kandi Master Plan should be implemented to save the people of the region from the annual wrath of the floods.