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Title: Need to construct an electric crematorium under the Ganga Action Plan at Beldannga, Murshidabad district, West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Murshidabad district in West Bengal consists of more than 62 lacs of population. However, there exists only three electric crematoriums. Due to the severe erosion along the river of Bhagirathi, the land meant for cremation ground has been dwindling.

There is a growing demand for electric crematorium in this district as people are compelled to travel a long way before reaching the crematorium and have to wait for hours together due to the long queue in each site. Under Ganga Action Plan (GAP), it is proposed to construct more electric crematoria to facilitate the cremation without any environmental hazards. But there exists a serious mismatch between demand and availability given this scenario. I would request that the Central Government should take initiative to construct more crematoria under GAP by including rural areas also.

I would urge the Government to construct an electric crematorium under the Ganga Action Plan at Beldannga in district Murshidabad, West Bengal.